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Israel Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon answers question at Toronto news conference.

125 policemen guard Allon who launches UJA-ISF campaign

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO –

Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, behind the tightest security since the visit of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, flew into Toronto last Monday to launch the 1973 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign in a whirlwind 10 hours of meetings, speeches and a news conference.

The education and culture minister ended his day here with a 45-minute address to an invited audience of about 3,000 at Beth Tzedec Congregation. One hundred and twenty-five security persons including Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Metro Police and Israeli Police were involved in guarding Allon.

Earlier in the evening, he spoke at a private dinner for large contributors where a number of "substantial pledges" were made according to a spokesman for the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund.

At Beth Tzedec, there were three layers of police to penetrate before one could enter the main foyer of the synagogue. Only two doors were open to the building and only those with invitations were allowed in. Ladies' handbags were searched.

Security personnel patrolled all entrances to the building. Some were stationed on the roof of Beth Tzedec while others looked down from the balcony onto the main foyer.

Inside the synagogue itself, there were two ropes across each aisle leading to the front. Plainclothes police viewed proceedings from the choir and organ lofts, and the balcony of the synagogue which remained empty for security reasons.

When Allon entered 20 minutes late, more police ringed the audience while others peered out at the crowd from the platform.

In his hard hitting speech, the deputy prime minister declared "it's high time people start realizing Israel is not a liability on anybody's shoulders; we are a great asset."

He continued: "We are an asset for stability in the Middle East, for without us the situation would've deteriorated long ago . . . although the Arabs wouldn't admit it."

Allon pointed out that Israel is situated between Arab countries and Egypt with "her changing moods."

The 54-year-old minister said that the U.S. has never had it better in her over-all relations with Arab countries, giving examples of U.S. contacts with Sudan and Yemen. He then noted France had been kicked out of Libya.

It was "a distressing phenomenon" to see West European friends voting for an Arab-sponsored resolution at the UN, he told his audience.

"They speak about their concern for holy places, but I think their concern is for oil," he said to applause.

One of the heroes of the Israeli War of Independence, he warned that recent war threats from Cairo and Damascus should be taken seriously.

"They hope to mobilize world opinion against Israel that would weaken her to the extent that the danger of another war would become a possibility."

Allon said "we are ready to compromise on territory, but we will not compromise on security. . . . No military threat will force us to bow to any threats."

At a 45-minute press conference during the afternoon, Allon, under tight security, fielded questions ranging

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Can there be a special 'Jewish market'?

Foreign reserves show gain despite defence expenditures

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
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REHOVOT–

Israel's reserves of foreign currency, which were on the verge of melting away several years ago, are now rapidly increasing. For despite enormous defence outlays – many of them involving foreign currency – the dollars, pounds, francs and marks continue to pour into local banks.

Some of this money comes from exports and investments, but without unilateral transfers – some $200-million annually in resitution from West Germany and some $300-million annually in contributions by Diaspora Jews to the various appeals – foreign currency would be very short indeed.

Donations to Israel are an expression of Jewish generosity and solidarity, but they are also the result of hard work by fund-raisers, local people and emissaries from Israel. The United Jewish Appeal and the Keren Hayesod apparently believe that such fund-raisers will be required for many years to come, for the two bodies have just established a special school to train them. The institution, headed by one of Israel's numerous ex-generals, will teach the fledgling fund - raisers not only about various aspects of Israeli life and about Jewish Diaspora communities, but will also devote many hours to "effective methods of raising money."

Some 750,000 overseas Jews give money to Israeli campaigns. Can they also be persuaded, observers now ask, to buy Israeli goods? More specifically, is there or can there be a special "Jewish Market"?

A sub-committee appointed by the Knesset's Economic Committee to study this subject believes that this "Jewish Market" does, in fact, exist and can be tapped. Economists in the ministry of commerce and industry remain sceptical, arguing that most Israeli goods, except perhaps for gefilte fish, must be competitive with other products if they are to be sold (to Jews or anyone else). Nevertheless, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Barlev has reportedly agreed to support a trial "Jewish Market" sales campaign in Miami, Florida. The ministry will match, dollar for dollar, the money invested in the scheme by exporters. If the campaign – scheduled to last from six months to a year – is successful, similar programs will be introduced in other centres of Jewish population.

Investment Authority experts recently turned down a plan designed to exploit a rather different kind of "Jewish Market." The plan called for the establishment of an Israeli Forest Lawn near Jerusalem, plots in which would be sold to overseas Jews anxious to be buried in the Holy Land. The idea was based on the fact that Jews abroad (though not in Israel itself) often buy burials plots well in advance of "occupancy", and might

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Congress says education bill perpetuates historic injustice

By MARK MEDICOFF
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MONTREAL –

Controversial Bill 71, which re-organizes Montreal's 33 school boards, was attacked last week by the Canadian Jewish Congress because it condones historic injustices to Jews.

The proposed act reduces the island's school boards from 33 to eight – six Catholic and two Protestant – by July 1, 1973.

Since the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal continues to act as a major panel, the historic injustice involved in the famous Hirsch case of 1929 where Jews were considered disenfranchised from voting in school board elections, will be maintained.

Citizens in the largely Jewish municipality of Cote St. Luc, which is part of the island of Montreal under the PSBGM, will still not be permitted to vote on any local educational concern.

A telegram sent to Educational Minister Dr. Francois Cloutier by the Eastern Region of the Congress said in part: "This constitutes a violation of the fundamental rights of man at a time when your government is actually involved in preparing a code of human rights."

Signed by Eastern Region President Murray B. Spiegel, the telegram said Congress demands that the bill be amended so that the obstacles caused by the Hirsch case can be eliminated.

By the end of last week, however, the bill was entering its second reading in the National Assembly, and Dr. Cloutier announced that there would be no public debate on the bill.

English Catholics, are also dissatisfied with the legislature because it enjoins them with the French-language Catholic system. They have presented a petition to the government signed by over 100,000 persons.

"There doesn't appear to be any clarity in the bill, and it certainly appears to be a step backwards by 100 years," said lawyer Morton Bessner, chairman of the Congress Committee on the Position of Jews in the Education System in the Province of Quebec.

"There is no doubt that confessionality is entrenched into the new law," he added.

Bill 71 is the third attempt since 1969 to tackle the reorganization issue. The two previous unsuccessful efforts were the National Union's Bill 62, and the Liberal's Bill 28.

In Bill 28, the Jewish community lauded the government for eliminating the element of confessionality in the school system.

Bessner said the Congress will be sending Montreal Jews a newsletter outlining community concerns on the educational dispute. An advisory committee of constitutional experts will be set up to study the implication of the new law, and how Montreal Jewry will be effected by its provision.

Only a bigot could object to program, CTV president says

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

The president of the CTV says "only a bigot could take exception" to **Bridget Loves Bernie**, the show with the intermarriage can-be-beautiful theme seen Saturday on the network.

Murray Chercover was commenting on a number of letters and a petition he had received protesting the show and seeking its cancellation.

"I wonder if complaints would continue if the Jews on the show were portrayed as wealthy socialites and the Irish as running a bar on the Lower East Side," he told **The CJN**. (On the show, the Jewish parents run a delicatessen while the Catholics are an upper class family).

The man in charge of CTV says his network is "not about to be subject to these pressures."

Lorne Goldstein, a 26-year-old Toronto office manager for a customs broker firm, is spearheading the campaign to bring about the cancellation of the show. He has sent copies of a petition with 93 signatures on it to Chercover and Fred Judd, sales manager of Kraft Foods Ltd., sponsor of the program.

In his letter accompanying the petition, sent Dec. 6, Goldstein wrote: "We, the undersigned, should like to voice our strenuous objection to your showing **Bridget Loves Bernie** which teaches and promulgates intermarriage.

"We hope you will take immediate action and cancel this program.

Goldstein obtained his 93 signatures Dec. 1 after speaking at an auction at Clanton Park Synagogue. Since then, he has addressed a joint brotherhood meeting of Shaarei Shomayim-Beth Jacob Synagogues Dec. 8 where he got 75 to 80 signatures on a petition. This Sunday, he will speak to a membership meeting at Shaarei Shomayim.

A bachelor, Goldstein also proposes to ask a number of rabbis for their assistance in his campaign. He has seen the program twice and objects to it "portraying the attitude of people against intermarriage as a silly, old-fashioned prejudice."

He got interested in **Bridget Loves Bernie** after reading about it in the Jewish press. "I looked at it twice, but once was enough," he told **The CJN**. "I am strongly against the promotion of intermarriage."

Chercover views the program "as a light-hearted examination of people and their attitudes. Nobody's cherished ideals are held up to ridicule."

He pointed out the program rates in the top 10 in the U.S. and "is winning substantial audiences in Canada."

The network boss says he has watched **Bridget** occasionally and doesn't think "it's dangerous and threatening to anybody. . . . Often better relations are achieved through humor."

Mrs. Ayala Zacks of Toronto gets a congratulatory handshake from Dr. Albert Sabin, retiring president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, as the Institute's board chairman Abraham Feinberg looks on. She was presented with a scroll marking the establishment of the Samuel and Ayala Zacks Chair of Geophysics. (See story on Page 10)

Arab hurt by bomb

COPENHAGEN (JCNS) –

Ahmed Awadalla, a 33-year-old Jerusalem-born Arab who has been working in Copenhagen since August, is the first victim of a letter-bomb received in Denmark.

He received severe injuries to his right hand in the explosion, as a result of which it may have to be amputated. The house where he was staying was severely damaged. The letter-bomb was posted from Beirut, apparently by the "Black September" terrorist organization.

Educators want to meet Israel Appeal to discuss more money for education

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO –

In spite of protests that delegates were not authorized to pass resolutions, the first National Conference on Jewish Education went on record Sunday as requesting a meeting between the conference's sponsors and the United Israel Appeal to discuss the need for greater financial support for Jewish schools.

Although support for Israel was never questioned, many delegates expressed concern that Jewish education in Canada was losing out in the competition for funds.

The passing of the resolution climaxed a highly charged, emotional session on funding, one of the topics discussed by the Conference held at the Zionist Centre under the sponsorship of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The question of community support for Jewish education had been opened by the two panelists in the funding session. Calling it "one of our vogues in Jewish life," Benjamin Beutel, president of the Association of Day Schools of Montreal, attacked community funding on the grounds that it not only gives too many parents a "free ride" but that it takes money from other communal causes, including support for Israel.

In disputing Beutel's view that each school should raise its own funds, Donald Carr, immediate past president of the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund insisted that "the community organization be used to reduce competitiveness in the school system, to inculcate in the schools a commitment and loyalty to the total community – and, of course, to fund the system."

He stated flatly that "the community is having difficulty financing education," and raised the possibilities that education funds be a first charge against the UJA, before any division of dollars between Israeli and local needs, or that a system of community taxation be instituted.

In the debate which followed, it became clear that for many delegates the competing pressures of support for Jewish education in Canada and the needs of Israel were creating a real crisis of priorities. Many speakers stressed the need for a strong Diaspora, while others pleaded for unity. As one put it, "we're supporting a civilization, not an organization."

After Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the conference's keynote speaker, had asked Carr to withdraw his resolution on the grounds that the conference was not empowered to pass resolutions, it was changed to a "recommendation" that "the sponsors of the conference urgently request that United Israel Appeal, Inc. confer with them with a view to finding a solution to the great need of additional sources of funds for the existing Jewish educational system in Canada." It passed easily in the amended form, though with some abstentions.

Until the funding debate erupted, the conference sessions had been lively but not controversial. A sense of crisis was evident in the discussions on parental attitudes and curriculum, particularly in the afternoon schools, whose enrollment is falling.

But the fact that problems and solutions could be shared with Jewish educators and laymen from across Canada generated optimism. In his keynote address, Dr. Kronitz indicated clearly the depth of the delegates' emotional commitment to Jewish education. "Let us help one another," he said. "In our hands is a very precious, very dear commodity – the soul and character of a child, indeed the very future of the community."

Organizations and People

what's new...

by Miriam Herman

Senior citizens from Baycrest Centre's day-care program singing songs following luncheon hosted by Baycrest junior women's auxiliary each month at a private home.

THE SIGN OF CAPRICORN

The Capricorns are a group of 35 very busy young Toronto matrons who form the junior women's auxiliary of Baycrest Centre. Once a month (and sometimes twice) they host luncheons in their own homes for the centre's day-care participants. A different group of 10 men and women are invited each time and luncheon is followed by sing-song and story-telling. Another Capricorn innovation is the cocktail hour at Baycrest every Tuesday afternoon for all residents of the home, hospital and day-care program.

LECTURE ON ISRAEL

Israel: Under Attack is to be the topic under discussion at the general meeting of the Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association being held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, Bathurst St. Guest speaker Simcha Genossar, special representative from Israel for Keren Hayesod - United Israel Appeal, will present a critical analysis of the terrorism against Israel, and its effect on Israel and the world.

LABOR ZIONISTS

Labor Zionist Alliance news - On Thursday, Dec. 14, the presidents of the constituent organizations, branches and clubs of the central region host a special cocktail reception to welcome new Consul-General of Israel Shmuel Ovnat and Mrs. Ovnat to Toronto. The reception is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hye Kirshenbaum.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 p.m., Joshua Altman, author and co-chairman of the organization's cultural committee will be speaking on False Messianism. The lecture is at the centre on Viewmount Ave., and is open to the public.

FOR SENIORS

There are still a few places available at the Atlaz Industrial Centre, the sheltered workshop for non-institutionalized aged. The shop, which opened Nov. 1, is under the auspices of the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly and is operated by the Jewish Vocational Service of Metro Toronto. It is designed for men and women over 60 years of age seeking employment. Applicants wishing further information or an interview may call the J.V.S. office.

YIDDISH MOVIE

Herzlia Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT is presenting the Yiddish movie **The Cantor's Son**, starring cantor - turned - actor Moishe Oysher on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, Codsell Ave., Downsview.

THINK SUMMER

Applications are now being accepted for the 1973 camping season at Jewish Community Camps. A constituent agency of the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, Jewish Community Camps is comprised of Camp B'nai B'rith, Camp Wooden Acres for boys and girls 9 to 16 years of age, and Jewish Laurentian Fresh Air Camp for senior adults.

COINS AND MEDALS

The increasing number of collectors of Israel's coins and medals in this country prompted the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation to open up a representative office in Toronto headed by Arie Ben David, recently appointed honorary representative of the corporation. The new office, in addition to servicing coin collectors and dealers, will undertake a countrywide promotional drive aimed at developing new markets for Israel's coinage.

BOROCHOV ANNIVERSARY

A program dedicated to the 55th anniversary of the death of Ber Borochov is set for Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Borochov Centre, Codsell Ave., Downsview. The program, a discussion of Borochov in our time and his message to youth, is sponsored by the United Poale Zion, the Borochov Movement, and Dror Youth Movement.

JUDAISM - ITALIAN STYLE

A quarter hour weekly program on Judaism is scheduled for Italy's state-owned television network. The series begins in January with the appearance of Justice Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities. Program coordinator will be Dr. Dani Toaff, son of the chief rabbi of Rome, Dr. Elio Toaff.

...about people

Hanna Orschupzer is a woman of varied talents. She is an expert in textiles who makes a study of the Dead Sea. In fact whenever she visits Israel she finds time to augment her collection of items picked from the sea. Mrs. Orschupzer, who was head of the textile department of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, came to Canada with her husband and her daughter in 1953. Born in Warsaw and raised in Holland, she was educated at the Bauhaus in Germany, the Bezalal School of Art in Israel and the Sorbonne and the Palais des Arts in Paris in the basic techniques of textiles and fabrics. Now in Toronto, she uses her expertise to restore religious articles such as Torah covers and Tallisim - and she gives lectures on her favorite subject, the Dead Sea.

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Montrealer **Lavy Becker**, a former president of the predecessor organization of the Allied Jewish Community Services, was elected chairman of the new national Board of Overseerers of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Philadelphia.

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A 102nd birthday will be celebrated at Baycrest Centre this month. **Esther Garfinkel**, who was born in Russia in 1870, has been having her birthday parties there since she became a resident at the age of 94 - she lived on her own in her own apartment up until then. The event takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Baycrest at the party for all residents having December birthdays. It may not be as gay as her 98th birthday when she was still dancing the polka, but her family will be on hand to celebrate with her. She is the mother of Dr. Benjamin Garfield, Michael Garfield, Lillian Lavine and Jessie Rapp.

A senior at Yeshiva College in New York, **Yechiel Eckstein** (and his guitar) took time off from his studies to appear in a special Chanukah television program there. Yechiel, 21, is the son of Ottawa's **Rabbi and Mrs. Simon Eckstein.** Rabbi Eckstein is spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Synagogue.

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Two Torontonians were elected to the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods at its recent convention in Kansas City, Mo. - **Frank Garber** of Holy Blossom Temple and **Leon Goodlin** of Temple Sinai. The NFTB represents 500 Reform temple brotherhoods throughout Canada, the U.S. and abroad.

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Morley M. Cohen is the first man ever to win the Michael Hirsch Memorial Trophy twice as outstanding campaigner in the men's division of Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal. Mr. Cohen, who was 1969 campaign chairman, first won the award in 1968.

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A third generation Jerusalemite of Moroccan origin has been appointed special emissary to the Israel Aliyah Centre of North America and the American Zionist Federation. **Mati Ronen**, 37, director of Manpower for Israel's Transport Ministry will be in the States for two years on the mission. His task is to organize the American Sephardic Jewish Community as an autonomous group working in conjunction with the World Sephardic Federation and the AZF.

Allon launches campaign under tight security

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from advances in education in Israel to the recent arrest of an Arab-Jewish spy ring.

He said last Friday's vote in the UN's General Assembly against Israel was "among the damaging incidents that can kill the prospects of peace in the Middle East."

The UN resolution, approved by a wide margin with the U.S. and Canada abstaining, invited Israel to "declare publicly its adherence to the principle of non-annexation of territories through the use of force." The General Assembly also declared that changes introduced by Israel and the occupied territories since the 1949 Geneva Convention were null and void and told Israel to "rescind forthwith" all such measures.

Speaking at the Inn on the Park, Allon said the most damaging aspect, by far, of the resolution was that it "may create the illusion in Arab capitals that they can get anything they want."

He said that Israel is "getting used to" actions in the General Assembly similar to the one Friday "but it seems the UN has become just another arena where national interests and group interests are clashed."

He also expressed disappointment that the U.S. and Canada had not voted against the resolution which Israel's UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah has described as a "spurious document."

Allon said that Jewish members of an Arab-Jewish spy ring uncovered last week were "motivated by an ideology wilder than Maoism or communism."

He described the Jewish spies as "a very isolated little group" and said that they were not a threat "but not a very happy phenomenon either."

The education minister said Israel, compared to other pluralistic societies is "doing very well" and credited the country's educational system, which he said is continually being upgraded, for much of the success.

"We have to absorb immigrants from a variety of different countries and backgrounds and we believe schools can be a good place to absorb these different heritages while not destroying the pluralistic nature of our society," he said.

The author of the now-famous Allon Plan which provides for the return of West Bank Arab communities to Jordan while ensuring Israel's security by means of armed settlements, Allon said "every solution can be based on a compromise."

In reply to a criticism of the plan by one reporter, Allon said, "Maybe it isn't a good plan but all others are worse."

Reports and rumors that Allon has been meeting with representatives of the Jordanian government have persisted since shortly after he introduced the plan. The most recent report was carried on the front page of the London - based **Jewish Chronicle**. It claimed Allon had met with Jordanian representatives while on a secret trip to London recently.

Replying to a question from **The CJN** on the true purpose of his London trip, Allon said, "I didn't meet with any Jordanian officials and if I did I wouldn't tell you."

The deputy premier declined to comment on his chances of succeeding Golda Meir as Israel's prime minister and, describing Mrs. Meir as "a great unifying factor", said, "I hope she will continue as long as she can."

Israel's foreign reserves increase

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well be persuaded to buy them on the outskirts of Jerusalem rather than on the outskirts of Los Angeles or Philadelphia.

The promoters pointed out that these sales would bring in foreign currency, as would the shipment of coffins, at $500 each, presumably by El Al. Also, relatives coming to Israel for the funerals, or, later on, flying in to visit the graves of their loved ones, would earn the country still more dollars.

The scheme was vetoed when the ministry of religious affairs decided it would be in bad taste to establish deluxe cemeteries in Israel for overseas Jews. So if they want to be buried here, they will have to take pot luck with the natives in ordinary cemeteries.

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Parti Quebecois candidate Paul Unterberg

Quebec Jewish separatist Unterberg predicts an end to Confederation

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Quebec will probably separate from Confederation after the next two or three provincial elections, predicts the only Jewish candidate of the Parti Quebecois.

"The mistake Jews have made," said 36-year old lawyer Paul Unterberg, who was defeated by Dr. Victor Goldbloom in the riding of D'arcy McGee, "is not in voting Liberal in the past, but in not being supple enough to realize that power in the province has changed."

Unterberg said that between each election the number of persons voting changes by about 15%, with new individuals coming from the 18-year-old-class of voters who are separatists.

The PQ candidate, who has a strong traditional background, including Hebrew School, wrote a book called **Quebec Aux Quebecois** where he outlined how "a good Jewish boy came to be in a place like this." He said he still definitely identifies himself as a Jew.

"The Jews have opted so much for the English, that the 15,000 French-speaking Jews in Montreal aren't considered Jews by the Quebecois. Intellectually, a Quebecois thinks a Moroccan is Jewish, but in his mind he isn't Jewish because he isn't English."

Unterberg said the Jewish question is rarely discussed by the party, and the Parti Quebecois has no official policy regarding Israel.

"Jews identity PQ with an anti-Israel policy because of a number of things Levesque has personally stated. He doesn't deny the right of Israel to exist.

"He is in the same dilemma as most people who think Israel certainly has the right to exist, while Arabs claim they have the right to the same country. Like most people Levesque doesn't offer a solution.

"The French Canadian is far less anti-Semitic than the English, and they always have been, but Jews have the insane attitude where they are putting all their eggs in one political basket.

"They are in a position where anybody can do anything to them and they have no political leverage.

"Jews can have no effect on the outcome of the election," Unterberg continued, "since they form only about 2% of the electorate and hence, their vote is almost negligible.

"The Parti Quebecois will probably say to the Jews what Daniel Johnson said after he was elected in 1966. 'We did it without you'. In the past Jews were shrewd enough to vote Liberal and give money to the Union Nationale."

Unterberg's fluency in the French language at an early age enabled him to experience Quebec cultural life, and he felt living in French was more exciting than living in English.

Educated in Arts, Commerce, and Law at McGill, Sir George Williams, and the University of Montreal, he didn't become involved in politics until after his disillusionment with "Trudeaumania".

In the late '60s he said he came to realize that Canada required a strong central government, a need which would never be met because no Quebec party has or would accept such a solution.

"As long as Quebec is in Confederation it is impossible for Canada to have a strong central government, and at the same time it is also impossible for Quebec to have a strong central government."

He then seriously began to study the feasibility of two separate countries, although he still considered, at the time, that the Parti Quebecois was "lightheaded and not serious."

In September 1969 he was impressed with the democracy he encountered as an observer at the Parti Quebecois Congress, and he later took out party membership. In the last provincial election he was asked to represent the party in the riding of D'arcy McGee.

"In terms of the percentage of the Francophone vote cast for PQ candidates," he said, "the percentage cast in favor of a Jewish candidate was higher than in any of the seven ridings where the PQ was elected."

Unterberg said the Montreal Jewish community lacks an instrument for communicating the Jewish position on Quebec concerns.

Recently Unterberg was asked to represent the PQ in a new riding established in West End Montreal as a result of electoral map changes.

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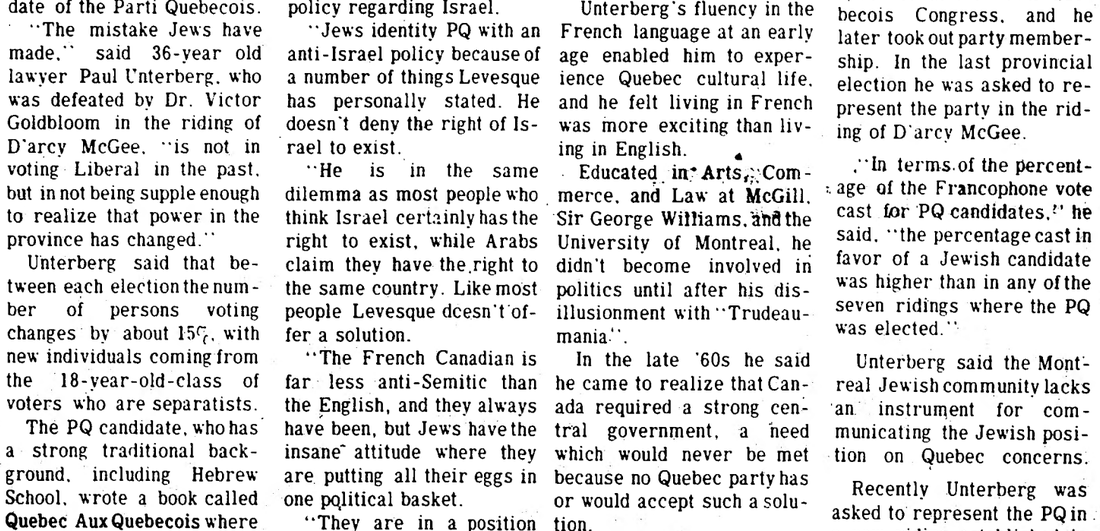

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Civic election results provide fertile ground for speculation

Well, Toronto has said it twice!

The first time, in rejecting the Spadina expressway, citizen groups expressed their preference for a style of life less dependent on the automobile and more concerned with people.

Those who thought that the opposition to the Spadina Expressway was merely a temporary aberration, initiated by a bunch of wooly-headed, unpractical academics, failed to recognize the temper of the times.

Toronto's citizens spoke out a second time in the recent civic election. They elected candidates who were "anti-development" in the sense that they could be counted upon to resist rezoning to facilitate the construction of high rise apartments.

Many Torontonians are still rubbing their eyes and asking, "What's happening?" as they sense new forces set loose in the community.

The story of what is happening is a complicated one. It begins, perhaps, with the passage of the National Housing Act after World War II which provided government guarantees for funds to build high density, high rise apartment houses. The desire, embodied in the act, was to renew deteriorated inner-city neighborhoods by demolishing the old, single family dwellings and replacing them with attractive towers, set back from the street and surrounded by park-like landscaping.

Encouraged by the government, a new breed of builder emerged in Canada. Prior to 1945, a builder who constructed more than six houses on a street was considered a major enterpreneur. The new breed learned the techniques, assembled the architects, engineers and contractors and assumed the financial risks for large scale operation.

A great deal of credit is owing to these men, frequently Jewish, who had the ingenuity and guts to pioneer in the industry. They learned and sacrificed, found the money and lost it. In comparison, the Anglo-Saxon banking community, backed by government guarantees, took few risks.

Not all of the builders were heroes. Some were inept, some even contemptible, but on the whole, they made a decent vital, contribution.

Toronto has become one of the most liveable, desireable cities in the world. Part of what makes the city desireable is its prosperity, the availability of jobs, and the presence of interesting, varied newcomers. This prosperity, this vigor has largely been created by the construction industry.

The completion of the Bloor Street Subway has been another major factor in the growth of ratepayer groups in Toronto. Around each of the subway stops homeowners organized to protect their neighborhood against the developers. Their first line of defence was to resist any change in the existing zoning regulations. The developers, on the other hand, pointed to the city's master plan which had marked the major streets along the subway line for high rise apartments and office buildings.

The ratepayers, once a negligible, crotchety force in civic politics, gained strength and numbers as the city used the difference between the existing zoning and master plan to extract from developers special concessions-here a parkette, there a schoolyard - as the price for rezoning.

Six weeks before the civic election, David Crombie was without a program, without workers and without funds. A week before election, he had 1,500 people involved in his campaign and a generous budget for television and newspaper advertising.

There is an interesting rumor that what occurred was not a spontaneous miracle. Instead, the rumor suggests there was a calculated decision by Premier William Davis to throw the support of his campaign organization behind Crombie.

Why was Crombie the recipient of Davis' support? The rumor suggests that it was because he was a Conservative and in opposition to the Spadina Expressway. Davis was not eager to deal with a Toronto mayor who would continue to challenge his judgement in calling to a halt that project. Although Rotenberg, too, is a Conservative, he has been too involved in demanding the expressway's completion.

Conservative spokesmen coyly deny the accuracy of the rumor, but at the same time, signal their pleasure at Crombie's election and reveal that a number of young Conservative campaign workers participated on Crombie's behalf.

There are very difficult days ahead for the city. While the Davis machine elected Crombie, the ratepayers elected a majority of the aldermen. While both can be labelled "anti-development" they are not at all of the same stripe. The Sewell-Jaffary forces, with their slogan of "Power to the people" have already staged their first confrontation with the new mayor over the selection of the executive committee. This is only the first of a continuing series of collisions we can expect between men of differing ideologies. For lack of a better definition, we can refer to Crombie as "conservative-democratic" and Sewell as "conservative-populist".

What is at stake is the future of the city.

God help us all if the new council engages in sloganizing and histrionics instead of getting down to work, and furthering that which made Toronto great.

UN resolution soundly condemned as spurious, unfair document

UN Security Council Resolution 242, which provided the basis for the end of the Six Day War between Israel and the Arab countries, was always controversial.

From the beginning, Israel emphasized the resolution's paragraphs that called for "secure and recognized boundaries" and insisted that withdrawal from the administered territories was dependent on a negotiated peace settlement. The Arab countries, in turn, insisted that Resolution 242 required Israel's withdrawal before negotiations could begin.

In spite of the impasse in interpretation, the resolution had balance. It did not seek to apportion blame to either side or label them as aggressor.

However, last week the general assembly passed a resolution on the Middle East sponsored by a group of pro-Arab countries which is a complete distortion of Resolution 242.

It is a totally one-sided resolution calling on Israel to withdraw and urging nations to cease providing any military or economic help to Israel which enables her to continue occupation of Arab territories.

The roots of the resolution go back to last December when the assembly attempted to give 242 the Arab interpretation and sought to compel Israel to accept withdrawal as a pre-condition for negotiations.

This was the formula which Dr. Jarring sought to impose and which Israel rejected.

This year, the assembly went further and called for Israel's withdrawal without concessions by the Arabs and then called on member states to withhold any assistance to the "illegal occupation".

Israel's ambassador in the UN, Yosef Tekoah, stated that this year's resolution was a spurious document because it is totally unfair and distorts the purpose, spirit, wording and delicate balance of Resolution 242. Tekoah insisted that the 1967 resolution, a product of the Security Council, was accepted by all parties as the definitive document for Middle East peace.

Tekoah added that Israel's government will regard the new resolution as another indication of the inability of the UN to generate a fair or workable solution. As a result, Israel will seek a settlement in the region through its own initiatives.

Two important facts emerged from the recent assembly debate. First, the U.S. delegate made it clear that his country would not be influenced by the resolution's call for sanctions. Second, the Soviet Union did not actively engage itself in lobbying for the resolution, although they did vote for it.

Finally, Israel was disappointed that the U.S. and Canada chose to abstain rather than vote against the nefarious resolution. In all likelihood, the U.S. did not wish to wreck its chance of serving as a mediator by being the one Western nation to vote against the resolution. (Britain and France voted with the Arabs) and Canada preferred not being isolated.

If the UN were taken more seriously nowadays, Israel might have been angry rather than disappointed with Canada and the U.S. But sadly, the UN is growing more and more ineffectual and offers less and less promise as an arbitrator in any serious matter.

Dr. Elisa Malka (left) and Dr. Jean-Claude Lasry (right) join the 450 members of the audience applauding Dr. Francois Cloutier (centre), Quebec education minister, at the opening of Canada's first Jewish French School, Ecole Maimonide. In the background is a drawing of Rabbi Maimonides after whom the school was named. (Howard Kay Photo)

First Jewish school to teach in French

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

A new page in the history of the Canadian Jewish community unfolded last week with the opening of Ecole Maimonide - the first Jewish school where the language of instruction is French.

In 1968, at the Toronto convention of the Canadian Jewish Congress, a motion was adopted to initiate plans to open a school for Sephardic children where Judaism, French, and a working knowledge of English would be the primary characteristics of the institution.

In 1969, after discussion with Quebec's department of education, L'Association Sepharade Francophone made arrangements with the Catholic School Commission to hold classes at Ecole Antonin.

"But after a while this process wasn't satisfactory," said Dr. Jean-Claude Lasry, president of L'Association.

Applying under Bill 65 for "public interest status", L'Association negotiated for funds to form a separate institution where secular education would have Jewish component parts.

At present time there are over 150 students attending Ecole Maimonide on Cote St. Luc Road, and some 20% of the children comes from homes where English is the first language.

In September 1973, the school expects to have a student enrollment of over 250 children.

At the school's opening ceremony, Education Minister Dr. Francois Cloutier said he was pleased to see Quebec's educational system enriched with the introduction of unique French culture.

"The Francophone Jewish case," he said, "is a high example of language integration in our school system, and it is an acknowledgement that cultural pluralism in Quebec is vital to the well-being of citizens."

The Ecole Maimonide movement was established during the tenure of Elias Malka, the immediate past-president of L'Association Sepharade Francophone. He said the school represents a method of co-existence in Quebec "where there is a break in the solitude of our existence."

Goren's home protected

Will past terror be repeated?

By ROYSTON ALLEN
(CJN Tel Aviv Correspondent)

TEL AVIV -

The violent attack on Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren by a group of ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students may well herald another wave of religious-inspired violence, the likes of which this country has not seen since the early days of the state.

Royston Allen

At Passover 1950, a group of young Orthodox Jews founded a secret organization devoted to forcing the principles of the Jewish religion (as they saw it) on the newly - founded state - by all possible means.

Support readily came from the "zealot" fringe of the Orthodox. Moral and material aid came from many leaders such as the late Rabbi Frank, then the future Grand Rabbi of Jerusalem. He was reportedly among the "invisible directors" of the organization's activities.

The "Union of Fanatics" as it was later known, embarked on a campaign of religious terror against persons they considered to be violating the Jewish principles. They started by burning cars of "Sabbath desecrators" and butcher shops which sold non-kosher meat. They later attempted to bomb the Knesset while the House was in the midst of a debate on whether or not to conscript women into the fledgling Israel Defence Forces.

Three years later, on May 26, 1953, two students at a Talmudic school were caught while depositing explosives in the education ministry offices in the capital.

After they were arrested the police and security services uncovered a secret religious organization connected with the religious faction of the Stern Gang, the right-wing pre-state terror movement led by the late Avraham Yair Stern.

Chief Rabbi Goren warned the country recently of the re-emergence of a possible rule of terror.

Many rabbis had previously voted against clearing the Langer brother and sister of the "mamzerut" (bastardy) label, Rabbi Goren said, "because they had been threatened by ultra-Orthodox terrorists."

Even those who eventually acted according to their conscience and signed the "declaration of purity" with him requested specifically that their names not be published because they were scared of reprisals.

The rabbi's home has twice been the target of arson attempts. Now his second floor apartment in a fashionable Tel Aviv street is constantly guarded by regular and border police.

In the corridor outside his front door, just opposite the lift and stairwell, sits a young green-bereted border policeman, one of a unit brought into Tel Aviv a few months ago to quell the rising rate of violent crimes.

Every few minutes he reports to his fellow guards outside the building via a two-way radio he carries.

So far the latest attacks (inspired by the "mamzerim" issue) appear to be directed only against the chief rabbi and his house. His wife told **The Canadian Jewish News** that she had not experienced any form of violence towards her person. "Some of our old friends in the Meah Shearim (religious) area of Jerusalem do not look me in the eye nowadays," she said with a sigh, "possibly they fear reprisals against themselves."

Rabbi Goren is firmly determined to stand out against the terror campaign which is being waged against him, and other persons and institutions which do not find favor in ultra-Orthodox eyes.

"There are a few small groups," he said, "who are determined not to allow rabbinical judges to act and decide according to their conscience. These groups must and will be stopped.

"The phenomenon of attacks and slander is not new, they tried it against the late Chief Rabbi Kook as well."

One of the leaders of the Agudat Israel party, Rabbi Menahem Porush is one of the most outspoken critics of Rabbi Goren. Rabbi Porush is best known in modern Israel for spitting on a Reform Jewish prayerbrook in the Knesset a few years ago.

"We are forced to consider steps which provide not merely temporary solutions but a long range plan of action," wrote Rabbi Porush in the Israeli press.

So bitter were his feelings against the late Rabbi Kook that he reportedly burned him in effigy in a synagogue one Purim many years ago. For this he was excommunicated by 20 Jerusalem rabbis.

"Who lifted the 'Herem' (excommunication) on him then?" queried Rabbi Goren.

"Perhaps Rabbi Porush will want to try the same thing again with me as the new chief rabbi," he said, "only this time maybe he will do it at Chanukah instead of waiting for Purim."

Other violent attacks recently have included the attempted arson at the offices of the National Religious Party (NRP) newspaper **Hatzofe** which is apparently not religious enough for the extremists and the sex boutique "Eros" in Tel Aviv, which was firebombed by yeshiva students.

A NRP rabbi was attacked in Safed by religious extremists who disagreed with his party's politics.

Add to this the crowds which often gather to throw stones at buses on late Saturday afternoons every few months and the picture for the future is grim.

Most of the violence appears to be caused by young yeshiva students, instigated no doubt by their elders.

One way to control it at the roots might be to draft the "yeshiva bochers".

This idea was behind a veiled threat by Labor Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin when he told a party meeting in Tel Aviv: "We release yeshiva students from the draft to study Torah, not to wreak violence against rabbis.

"It is inconceivable that a rabbi in Israel requires protection," Yadlin went on, "we will not ignore these threats and we will not permit terror to rage."

In a direct warning to the yeshiva students, Premier Golda Meir told them that their exemption from army service might be jeopardized if they took part in harassment campaigns.

"It seems to me that the young men (like the ones who tried to assault the chief rabbi) were not exempted from army service in order to be free to fight their own battles.

ask the rabbi

Husband takes precedence

1. If a person dies intestate and there are surviving offspring, a widow or widower, who is entitled to benefit and in what proportions?

RESPONSE:

I take it that you are asking whether the widow or widower of the deceased takes precedence over the offspring. The order of succession is stated in **Numbers 27: 8-11** *but there is no reference in that passage either to a husband inheriting the property of his wife or to the wife inheriting the property of her husband. The rule, as the rabbis understand it, however, and as recorded in the Codes, is as follows. A wife does not inherit the estate of her husband but is entitled to maintenance from it and other rights according to the terms of her ketuba. These rights are a prior claim on the estate. A husband is the legal heir of his wife and he takes precedence over her offspring.*

2. Does one put a mezuza on a caravan and/or on a houseboat?

RESPONSE:

The rule is that provided an area is about eight square feet and is used as a permanent domicile, i.e. meals are eaten there, it requires a mezuza. Consequently, an ordinary motor car does not require a mezuza but a caravan does as does a houseboat.

3. If hindquarter meat is forbidden to be eaten why may we eat the hindquarter of poultry?

RESPONSE:

Hindquarters are not forbidden but, since they contain forbidden fats and sinews (see **Genesis** *32; 33;* **Leviticus** *7; 22-25), these have to be removed by porging before the hindquarters can be eaten. It used to be the practice in Anglo-Jewry for the porging to be done and for the hindquarters to be permitted but they are now prohibited on the grounds that the porgers may be unreliable or unskilful or both. This means either that Anglo-Jewish porgers have become less skilful and more lax or that the "ecclesiastical authorities" (what a name for upholders of Jewish tradition!) have become stricter.*

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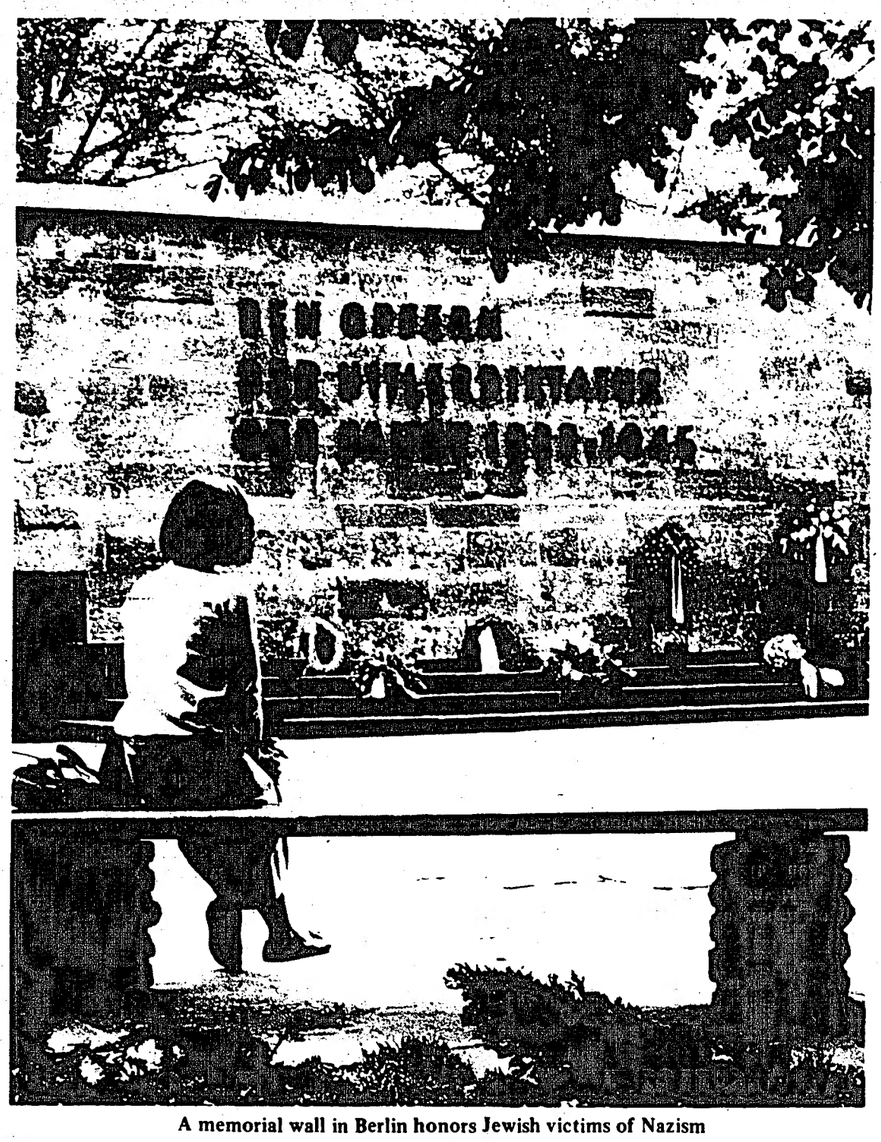

A memorial wall in Berlin honors Jewish victims of Nazism

German Jews find themselves 'strangers in a strange land'

By DR. W. GUNTHER PLAUT

There is a Jewish community in Germany today. Its members have cultural and social organizations, homes for the aged, youth camps, communal centres, kosher restaurants, mikvaot, and of course synagogues. They have a national Jewish newspaper which is read not only by Jews but by members of government. They also have community councils and an increasing number of rabbis. More and more German universities now have programs of Jewish studies. The latest count stands at 12 universities, (not counting other institutions of higher learning) offering something like a hundred courses. Most of them are offered by Jewish scholars.

The very recital of these figures will inevitably produce some puzzlement on the part of many, and resentment on the part of others. Especially in Israel the opinion of Jews who have returned to and now live in Germany is very low, especially since a significant portion of these Jews have at one time or another lived in Israel and are therefore considered "Yordim". The latest figures indicate that there is a total of 27,000 Jews in the German Federal Republic who are registered and tax paying members of the Jewish communities. There are probably another 5,000 who choose not to be identified and who have opted out of their tax obligations.

The reason that the number of Jews in Germany has remained fairly stable in the last five years is that immigration from abroad has kept pace with emigration and death. Thus 276 Jews came to the country in 1972, while 117 left it. As of today there is the surprisingly high number of 56 organized Jewish communities, some of them, to be sure, very small, but some (like Berlin and Frankfurt) with 5,000 and Munich with 3,600 members.

Only about 30% of these are returnees to Germany, that is to say, people who were formerly German Jews and who for a variety of personal reasons have come back. The remainder are East European Jews who found themselves in Germany when the war was over. There were in 1945 some 250,000 displaced persons in and around Munich. Most of these went to Israel and North America, but a number stayed and took advantage of the economic opportunities which were then developing.

Many of the Jews in Germany hold dual passports, Israeli and German. That means that the young people usually go back to Israel to serve in the army. It also means that few young Jews are found in Germany, although their number has not declined and Jewish schooling is now on the increase. Communities are generally Orthodox in tone and nature, especially in Munich, although they are served by increasing numbers of Liberal rabbis and the definitions to which we are accustomed do not always hold true. For instance, in Berlin in the largest synagogue the men and women sit separately, but an organist plays at Shabbat Services.

Most Jews in Germany are very much aware of the disapproval of their fellow Jews in other countries and they suffer from a sense of guilt that they now live in a land that has brought so much evil on our people. But others point to the fact that Germany is a new country and that its government has made serious efforts to bring some degree of restitution to those who make their homes once again in the land. Moreover, the majority of all Germans today are so young that they have no share in the sin of Nazism. They have built a democracy which gives every sign of healthy growth, and in a few years the last person who had an active share in the Hitler mania will have died.

What of the future? Certainly there will be a Jewish community in Germany. This is an inescapable conclusion, and to look away from it is simply to close one's eyes to reality. This community is likely to increase if conditions get worse in various countries, like Argentina or Chile, or if the doors from Russia will open a little wider. Economic conditions are splendid in Germany today, the country receives anyone who wants to come and work, and the opportunities to make good are considerable. But the community is for the time being artificial in structure and composition and it is not at ease with itself. It has great internal problems and its members are not a part of the land in which they live; they are, in more ways than one, strangers in a strange land. But, for the time being, and most certainly for the future also, they are there.

Dr. Plaut, the senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, returned last week from a study tour of Germany. The second part of his article deals with the West German elections and their significance as far as German Jewry is concerned. It will appear next week.

'Terrible stench of immorality'

Local Lubavitch rabbi denounces Goren decision on mamzerim

By RABBI J. IMMANUEL SCHOCHET

Rabbinical courts throughout the ages have concerned themselves with resolving cases of alleged bastardy. The present storm is not so much against the 'purification' of the Langers as against the means and methods used which are unprecedented in the history of religious and secular law. The truly relevant facts are:

(1) Press-releases and various other public pronouncements over the past two years reveal that explicit pressure was exerted on the rabbinate in general, and Rabbi Goren in particular, to issue a clearance for the Langers. This pressure came first and foremost from the government, including Mrs. Meir and Gen. Dayan. In other words, there was prior demand to issue a Halachic clearance regardless of the Halachic perspective. And this outside interference and pressure (accompanied by various threats with regards to the status of Yeshivoth etc.) in a strictly Halachic matter is precisely the chief point of contention. Throughout the civilized world the judiciary is established as an independent body free of all and any outside influences. It is inconceivable for a legitimate government to prejudge a case and then to demand of a court to issue a decision accordingly. Yet this is precisely what happened in the Langer case.

Halacha is not a conventional system that can be tailored to measure. For those to whom Halacha has any meaning and validity whatsoever, it is a Divinely ordained, absolute and complete legal system. Anything less becomes a man-made and conventional law that is of no religious significance whatsoever. Thus Goren's ruling has not changed one iota in the case. It remains forever subject to public Halachic scrutiny, and if mistaken the stigma of bastardy has not been removed from the Langers and will be perpetuated in their children.

The worst part of it all is that Rabbi Goren has at the very least given the impression of holding one of the most despicable offices, reminiscent of Czarist Russia: to be a rav mita'am – a rabbi that is but a lackey of the political powers. And this touches and threatens the very root of Torah and the Jewish faith.

(2) What makes his ruling most suspicious is that Rabbi Goren had completed his investigation of the case, and written his opinion, a long time ago. When submitting his opinion to Rabbi Unterman, the former chief rabbi told Rabbi Goren that as a qualified rabbi he could and should set up a Beth Din and pronounce on the Langers as he sees fit. Rabbi Goren retorted that since the Supreme Rabbinical Court had decided against the Langers only the same court could or should revise the original decree. Now more than six weeks passed since Rabbi Goren was elected chief rabbi yet he failed to submit the case to that court. Moreover, when asking the new Sephardic chief rabbi to join him in reconsidering the case, Rabbi Yossef readily agreed to do so in that same court. But now Rabbi Goren suddenly switched arguments and said that this court having earlier come out negatively is now prejudiced. Goren then set up a 'secret court', the members of which no one knows, and in a strange blitz-action this alleged secret court rendered a new ruling.

The issues raised by this tactic are: (a) The very idea of secret judges is unprecedented in legal history and totally inconceivable in secular law let alone in religious law, as pointed out by many legal experts even in the secular world. (b) Moreover, a court like that Rabbi Goren could have formed a year ago, much before he became chief rabbi of Israel. Why then did he wait until now and thus prolong unnecessarily the agony of the Langers and the strife in Israel? Moreover: had he then constituted such a court, out in the open, as chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, no one would have challenged him except perhaps on explicit legal grounds, and no storm would have arisen. The equally controversial Zeidman and Ben Gurion cases are obvious evidence of that.

(3) Not only the religious elements are upset by the Goren-ruling but the others as well. At the recent convention of the Conservative movement in Jerusalem sharp criticism was expressed of the ruling which legitimized one party by means of illegitimizing another. Similar sentiments were expressed in leading articles in the Israeli press.

If orthodoxy is upset it is because of the terrible stench of immorality and hanky-panky surrounding the Goren ruling which threaten the very foundation of Torah and the survival of the Jewish State of Israel.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren

J. B. recounts Lansdowne school Christmas legend in two chapters

By J. B. SALSBERG

Chanukah is over and Christmas is yet to come. This may, therefore, be an appropriate occasion to tell the story of the time when the very young heirs of the Maccabees and the "representatives of an alien religion" fought it out on the peaceful shores of Lake Ontario more than 2,000 years after the original confrontation on the shores of the Mediterranean.

The "rebellion" broke out quite unexpectedly during the Chanukah-Christmas season in the city of Toronto during the First World War years. To be more specific, it was on a Monday morning in December of approximately 1915. The first shot was fired or, to be in tune with the Hashmonite era, the first swords were crossed in the original building of the old Lansdowne School on Spadina Crescent, just north of the renowned Spadina-College intersection, in the said city of Toronto.

In those days Toronto was a provincial town of only 400,000 souls and the Jewish community numbered no more than 20,000. The dwelling place of the Jewish immigrants was a predominantly Protestant one and the heart of Jewish living space – Agnes St. (now Dundas St.) between University Ave. and Yonge St. – was irritated by a militant Christian-Jewish mission that operated from Centre Ave. Jewish parents had really little to fear from that mission even though Singer the Apostate, (meshumed), who headed the mission preached on street corners and offered candies to all Jewish children who asked for them at the mission.

But in those days there arose one known as Hannan (who deserves a full and respectful separate treatment) who donned the mantle of a later-day Maccabee and placed himself at the head of the battle for the protection of Jewish youth from the alien religious influences.

It also came to pass that a place of Jewish worship known as Goel Tzedec and commonly referred to as the University Synagogue, because it was located on University Ave. just south of Agnes St., decided to engage an English-speaking rabbi. Aside from the reform temple, Holy Blossom, which was located on Bond St. and, therefore known as the Bond Street Temple or the Deitshe School (from the word Deutch-German) this was the first English-speaking rabbi to be installed in an Orthodox congregation. (Conservative synagogues hadn't been heard of then, at least not in Toronto.)

And so it transpired that on the historic Chanukah-Christmas season we speak of the aforementioned Hannan who, filled with the spirit of his mission, descended upon a flock of Jewish children. He kept vigil over them by day and by night so that the evil designs of Singer, the Apostate shall not succeed. He proceeded to summon the entire flock of little Hebrew lambs to gather at the University Synagogue on the Sunday afternoon where they would be given Chanukah presents and, incidentally, also hear the new English-speaking rabbi, Julius Price. Many score of little Jewish boys (girls weren't worried about in those days) hearkened the call of Hannan and rallied at the synagogue late in the afternoon to listen and to receive, but mainly to receive.

The rabbi spoke in the semi-darkened sanctuary and then the gifts, consisting of little brown bags that contained an assortment of candies, were passed to the eager hands of the children. Hannan steeled the young against the wiles of Singer the Apostate and all I carried away from the rabbis' talk was that Jewish children should not sing Christmas carols. I heartily agreed with the rabbi and resolved, there and then, to obey the rabbi's instruction. The next morning I began to obey.

Since the natives (the Anglos and the Saxons) evacuated their neighborhoods at the first sign of arrival of the children of Israel, the schoolrooms in the ceded territories passed gradually into the hands of the children of Israel. Lansdowne School, which I attended, was in the throes of such a transition that fateful season of Chanukah-Christmas. Jews already constituted a comfortable majority in my class and so I wended my way to school earlier than usual that Monday morning to rally my friends to the call of the rabbi.

As good little Jewish boys and girls should they all agreed to cease and desist from singing Christmas carols (which we sang lustily until then) that very morning. As usual after the prayer, Miss Hill, our teacher, with a smile on her face and long pointer in her right hand, announced the title of the first carol. After counting the usual one, two, three the raised pointer, that always produced a chorus of song brought forth – nothing. But nothing. Not a sound. Not even from the remnant of native children in our midst.

So what happened? I'm dying to tell you but the editor, with his measuring tape and scissors won't let me. "No more space this week," he announces with fiendish glee. So please wait till next week.

The Letter Box

Our readers voice their views

Dear Editor:

I am at a loss to understand the theme J. B. Salsberg hopes to impart in his column (Dec. 1) headlined "Mania of bigness, wealth distorts our values".

After all is said and done, the have-nots far outnumber the big money powers in numbers and votes. J. B. himself is by far the best example of a hard working personality of moderate means in the Jewish community whose opinions reach beyond the prejudgments in his article.

In this instance, J. B. may be proving himself wrong.

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I am quite disturbed at the response the CBS television show **Bridget Loves Bernie** has been getting from the North American rabbinate. True, the show stereotypes the nosy mother, bigoted Catholics etc., but the fact is the show is very funny and a treat to watch.

One of the great traditions of Jewry has been to laugh at ourselves. That is all this show is doing. I feel the rabbis quoted in **The CJN** (Dec. 1) are taking it too seriously. It is only a form of entertainment, and though it doesn't do anybody any good, it doesn't harm anybody either.

David Rosenbaum
Toronto

Dear Editor:

It was very disturbing to read the article "Reaction to Chartrand assailed" on the editorial page of **The Canadian Jewish News** in the Dec. 1 issue. It is apparent, that Ms. Herman has missed the point of why the Jewish students present at the Chartrand rally were so outraged. She accuses the students of "their inability to even try to listen to what was being said." It was precisely because these Jewish students were listening to Chartrand and heard exactly what he was saying that caused them to become upset.

They heard themselves being described as Nazis and were told that the "Palestinian commandos in Munich were heroes." Chartrand went on to say that "all Jews who support Israel should be killed, including those living anywhere in the world." To expect a Jew who is committed to his Judaism to sit and listen calmly and passively to such racist remarks is being both insensitive and unrealistic.

Ms. Herman states that "any intelligent, indeed intelligible, discussion was inhibited." Yet how can any intelligent discussion be possible if such remarks as the above mentioned were made? Why is it that Ms. Herman does not describe Chartrand's comments as "racist, chauvinist, bigoted remarks"? Ms. Herman seems sure that Chartrand "in his more rational moments would hesitate to make such ridiculous statements."

The Jewish students present at the Chartrand rally recognized that the time has passed when Jews can be expected to sit passively and listen to any individual preaching the genocide of the Jewish people. These students know only too well of the silence that opposed Hitler.

Jerry Pearl,
Field Worker, York Campus,
Canadian Zionist Federation.

Negev Dinner honoree Joseph Tanenbaum explains the citation he received to his granddaughters, Jennifer-mia and Raquel Kaplan as his wife Faye looks on. More than 1,300 attended the 25th annual event. (Gadi Hoz Photo)

7,500-acre recreational facility

Canadians to build park in Israel near Tel Aviv

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

The Jewish National Fund of Canada plans to build a 7,500-acre recreational and parkland facility between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The announcement was made at the 1972 Negev Dinner honoring Joseph Tanenbaum here Monday night.

To be called Canada Park, the $15 million project, sponsored by the JNF, Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel and the Land Authority of Israel, is expected to serve close to a million Israelis upon its completion in the latter part of this decade.

A substantial area of the project will be known as the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Recreational Complex which will include a mammoth swimming pool, playground, grassed parkland, and handball, shuffleboard and tennis courts.

While presenting Tanenbaum with a citation in recognition of his endowment of the complex, JNF Toronto President Charles Kent said it was "bound to add another dimension to the cultural life of Israel."

Kent also told the more than 1,300 present at the Royal York Hotel that he was certain the entire project would provide Israelis with "the recreation facilities denied them so long because of defence priorities."

He said those facilities would include playing fields, botanical gardens, foresters' lookouts, cycling pathways and an open-air amphitheatre.

CZF President Philip Givens, who – along with Tanenbaum's younger brother, Max – was co-chairman of the 25th annual dinner, said Tanenbaum was best known as a builder of bridges such as the Burlington Skyway, "but we honor him tonight as a builder of spiritual bridges in Canada, the U.S. and Israel."

Tanenbaum, the 65-year-old president of Runnymede Development Corporation, is a director of the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions, president of Eitz Chaim Schools and an active participant in more than a dozen organizations – most of them involved with Jewish education.

In presenting him with the Negev citation, which last year went to **Telegram** publisher John Bassett, Samuel Sable said: "Here is a man who realizes that the key to our rejuvenation is in the education of our youngsters. Joe spends many hours of the day and many days of the week, involved in the educational scene."

Ontario Supreme Court Justice Abraham Lieff spoke of the miracle of the rebirth of Israel and told his audience, "we know now that miracles are not impossible. What is difficult is to maintain the miracle, as Joe has helped to, once it has been achieved."

Allan Grossman, Ontario's Minister of Revenue, praised the land reclamation program of the JNF which has planted more than a million trees in Israel and reclaimed 500,000 dunams (125,000 acres) of land.

Syrians refuse exit visa to dying boy

TORONTO –

The refusal of the Syrian government to allow Jews in the country to emigrate may well result in the death of 16-year-old heart patient Simon Khabas, according to the American Jewish Committee.

AJC spokesman Dr. Ronald Feld recently suggested that in all likelihood Simon is suffering from a congenital heart defect requiring surgery that can't be obtained in Syria but is available in Beirut, Lebanon.

Pleas to the Syrian government by Simon's parents for his release on the grounds that he will surely die without the medical attention he requires have been reportedly met with disinterest by the government.

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Montreal honors leader in education

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

The conference on Jewish education in Toronto last weekend not only celebrated the importance of education in Jewish life, it also celebrated the 70th birthday of a man who has devoted most of his communal career to ensuring that young people have school to attend.

For over a quarter of a century, clothing manufacturer Ben Beutel was president of the United Talmud Torahs - until 1969 when he became the school's honorary president.

When he first became involved in the school system, there were fewer than 1,000 students, 37 teachers, and the school was in financial straits.

In 1941, as chairman of the finance committee, he initiated the first board of governors, and he succeeded to the presidency in 1945. Today, the United Talmud Torahs is the largest school system in Canada.

"But it would have never happened," said Beutel, "unless education was looked upon by parents and individuals as a fundamental building stone of Judaism."

In 1946, Beutel was founding president of the Hebrew Seminary, which now forms part of the United Jewish Teachers Seminary. He is also a Congress honorary vice-president, and served for 18 years as chairman of the education committee.

Ben Beutel

Beutel, a former Combined Jewish Appeal Chairman, is an outspoken man who believes welfare funds have no business in Jewish education and, although present circumstances demand their involvement, his conviction is not without consideration.

"If a parent is Jewish at heart," he said, "they would be interested, at any cost and sacrifice, in having their children educated at a Jewish school."

In the late 1960's, Beutel was successful in organizing the existing schools into the Association of Jewish Day Schools, with associate status on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

Within a space of 10 years he established four new mortgage - free educational institutions, including Herzliah High School.

Although Allied Jewish Community Services and the Canadian Jewish Congress have clashed on educational issues, Beutel's contribution to the field was recognized when both organizations sponsored a tribute dinner in his honor.

Over the last five years, several millions of government dollars have poured into the secular part of the Jewish school system because of Beutel's efforts.

Last April Ben Beutel was awarded the Jewish Theological Seminary of America's Community Service Award, capping a career that has spanned two generations.

'Exile both glory and disaster'

By KAREN ENGELBAUM

TORONTO -

If Jews' only identity is citizenship in Israel, "we deprive ourselves of a magnificent, unique identity," says a leading Toronto psychiatrist.

Dr. Vivian Rakoff told a Temple Sinai audience last week that being Jewish has meant "sitting on a curious historical tightrope, with two faces, one for us, one for them. This tremendous strain, this sense of never being at home, is our disaster and our glory."

Dr. Rakoff described the position of the Jew in today's society as that of a "marginal man" who is constantly an observer and said the tradition of a dual name, one being a translation of the other, was a symbol of this position.

This phenomenon, he said, was a mixed blessing which has resulted in both Jewish creativity and anti-Semitism.

"Jews question traditional, comfortable modes. They are an imbedded group which claims full membership and yet remains outside, putting simple, everyday habits into question," he said.

Dr. Rakoff said he was convinced of the "need to protect and defend Israel," but told his audience they should appreciate the value of their unique position rather than being "apologetic" to Israel.

Goren upheld

America's leading interpreter of the Talmud, the highly regarded Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, has endorsed the solution to the Langer mamzerut (bastardy) case found by Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. However, ultra-Orthodox elements here are planning a spirited anti-Goren campaign.

Even the pro-Israel Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, appears to have been caught up in the growing tide of anti-Israel sentiment in the religious neighborhoods of Brooklyn, and has denounced Rabbi Goren.

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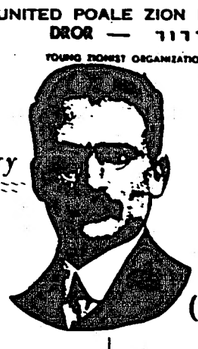
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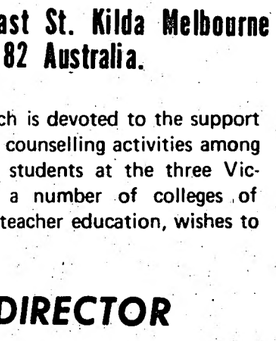
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Kashruth chief Shemen doubles as writer

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO–

Although Toronto Jewry knows Nachman Shemen best as the director of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in Israel and the United States he is known more as a scholar and a writer.

He contributes to many local and foreign press and periodicals and has written numerous books among which are: **Lublin,** about an old Polish city near to where he was born; **Jewish Attitude Toward Labor;** and **The Woman's Place in Law Letters and Lore.**

The last named book got a very good press in Israel. Even David Ben-Gurion expressed his pleasure in reading it.

When referring to himself, Rabbi Shemen says, "I am a writer, journalist and historian who was invited to join Congress 22 years ago, and never left."

In his modest manner, he continually refers to his coworkers at Congress as men "who do their utmost in all parts of the community," and to Congress as "a very honorable institution."

Rabbi Shemen was ordained in Warsaw in 1929, arrived in Canada in 1930, and first began teaching at Eitz Chaim. Even at that time Jewish leaders in Toronto and Montreal consulted with him on various Orthodox problems.

Congress was first formed in 1919, but it was reorganized in 1933. As it grew and as the problems amongst Orthodox Jewry in Toronto grew, the need for his advice increased.

When Congress brought Rabbi Shemen in on a full time basis, the fight amongst Orthodox rabbis in Toronto was at its height. (At that time the Reform movement was small but unified, and the Conservative movement was not very strong.) The arguments were so vitriolic that Rabbi Shemen even recalls rabbis "circulating leaflets in synagogues questioning or denouncing some aspect or other of each other.

Rabbi Shemen's first success was to get the rabbis to "finally agree not to make any more public accusations." But he notes, "There was still ill feeling among the rabbis."

It was the amelioration of this ill feeling that he feels was his "greatest achievement." He personally talked to and worked with all the rabbis concerned. As he explained, "the personal touch is more important than sitting around a big table discussing. The personal touch is how you reach a man's soul and heart."

Rabbi Nachman Shemen

Besides better relations, Congress and the Toronto Jewish community have benefitted from Rabbi Shemen's leadership in another way – added finances. Congress gets its budget from the United Jewish Welfare Fund. Rabbi Shemen's department is allocated a certain amount, but he notes, "We often give back some of the money to be used for other purposes such as youth projects in Toronto. We even pay for our own stationery, and help subsidize mashgichim as a service to the community."

This is how he does it. There are about 60 firms that bear the kashruth label from his department. He, or some of his aides must travel to these firms to make inspections. For example, he has already travelled to Procter and Gamble six times this year himself. He charges them for transportation, but when negotiating the fee for services, he tells them, "I will leave it to you." Often he suggests they check with their United States counterpart (there are about six million Jews in the United States) and to pay a comparable amount in Canada.

In the case of one large company, Rabbi Shemen recalled, "I did not accept their first amount. It was too much. We give service and the emphasis is not on profit." He feels that, although some firms don't pay on time and some probably pay less than they should, it is better to put the emphasis on good public relations.

From these 60 firms, his department gets $50 and up for services. It is from this money, and the growing number of firms seeking his service, that he is able to put some money aside for other Jewish community projects.

Some of the larger Canadian companies accepting their supervision now are: E. D. Smith and Sons, Libby's of Canada, Agra Industries, and H. J. Heinz Company of Canada.

But there are still some problems to be solved. Both the federal and provincial governments do consult Rabbi Shemen before making decisions involving kosher places such as old age homes, but, he feels this is not enough.

"We are trying to get a kosher law with the federal government. This would solve a lot of problems."

Alexander Portnoy would've blushed at seminar on sex

By JUDITH LEVY

TORONTO –

A recent seminar on sex that would have made Alexander Portnoy blush, has revealed that sex just ain't what it used to be and that our fast-paced modern society is to blame.

"We are victims of technical efficiency," Dr. Ruth Easser, a psychiatrist, told the women's auxiliary of New Mt. Sinai Hospital. "The emphasis on sexual performance has sacrificed intimacy and tenderness to the goal of sensation."

"Human beings are not satisfied with a relationship that precludes getting to know one another," she added. "Young people are freed from the fear of pregnancy by the pill, are aroused by the media, and are under social pressure to 'do your own thing.' They often engage in sex before being ready for the reciprocal aspects of friendship. Many are depressed – the performance was adequate, but lacking any sense of pleasure or well-being."

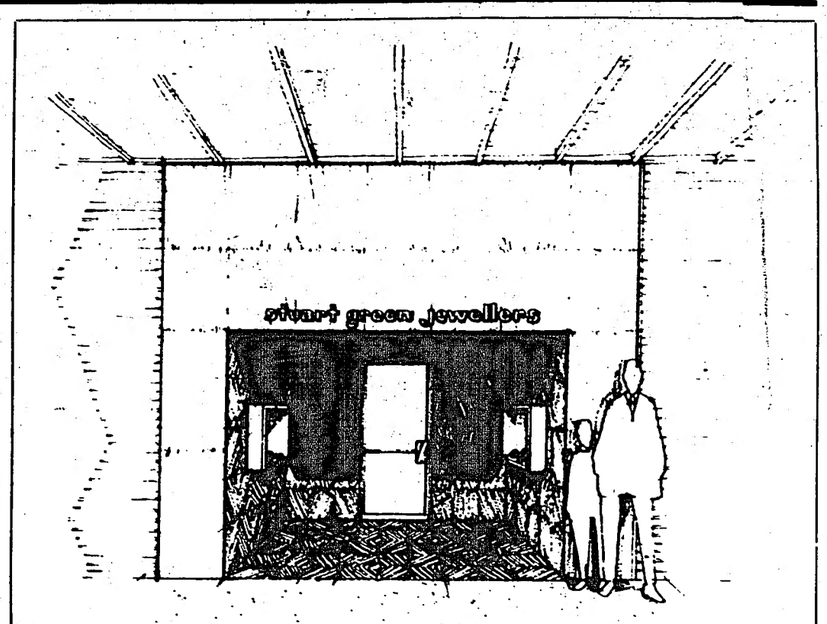
Panelist Dr. Bernard Fogel told his audience that "many physicians have abdicated their role as counsellor and adviser due to a lack of time and proficiency."

He said doctors must physically examine the patient, take a clinical history and lab tests, and give not only information but the help to integrate the information into the patient's own value system.

Obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Roland Suran said the term "frigidity" has been "thrown out the window."

"The term, which suggests anger and hostility, has been replaced by the concept of non-responsiveness. Secondary, or acquired, non-responsiveness has the best prognosis for cure," he said.

Dr. Suran said he feels pre-marital sexual relations can sometimes prevent disastrous marriages, adding, "The physician sees things that make him realize the questions of morality are not cut and dry."



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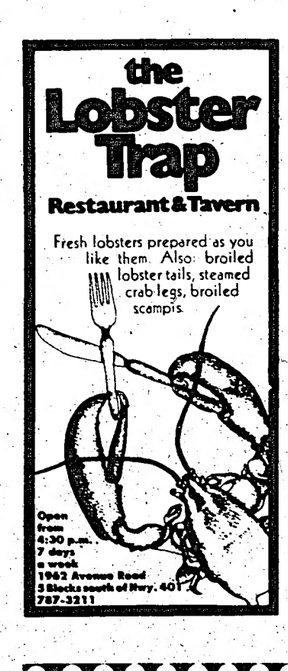

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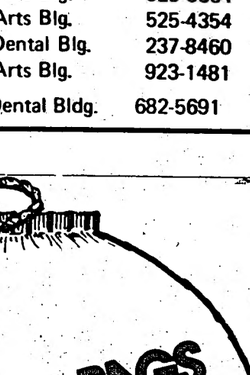

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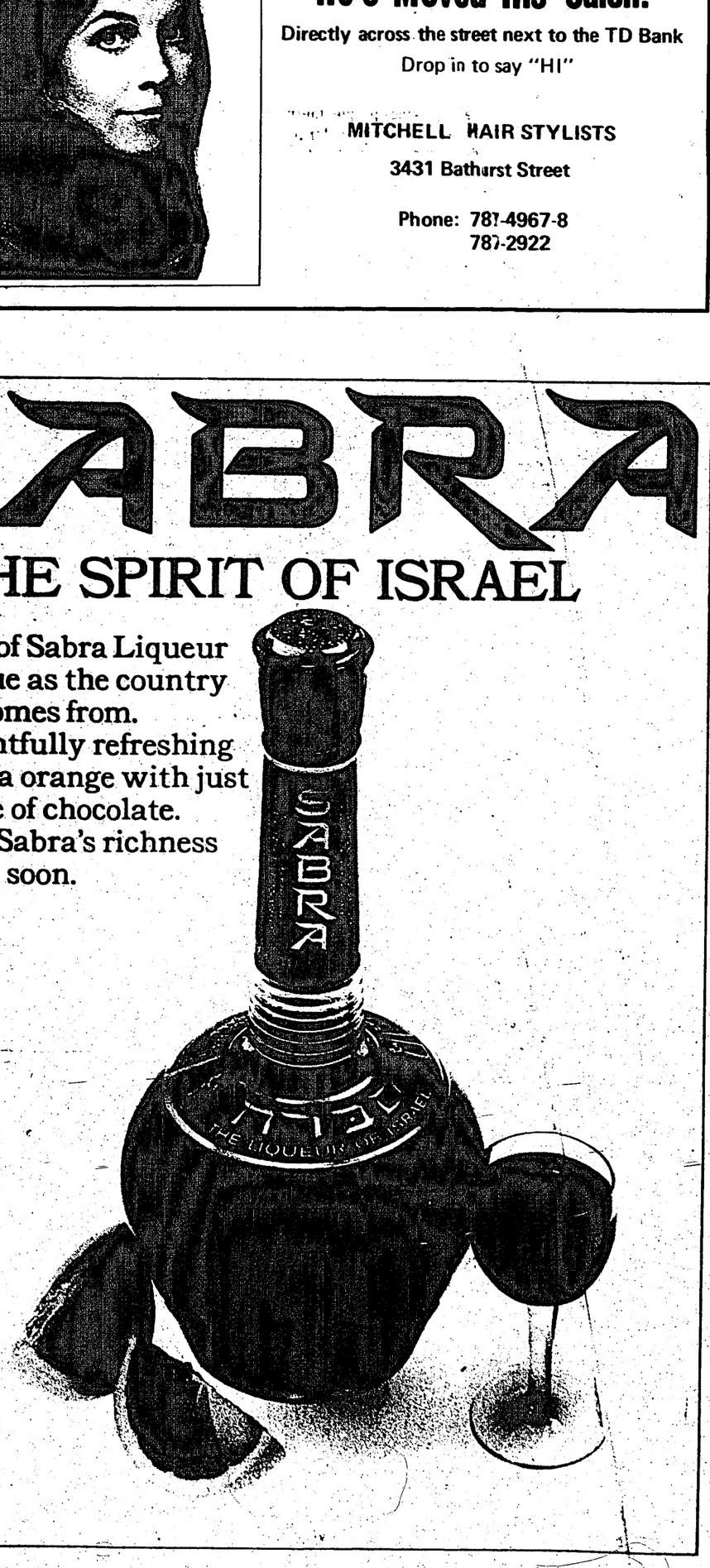

Like Israel, El Al has accomplished many miracles

By SOL I. LITTMAN

NATANYA –

"I'm sorry, I can't put the clock back, but you have missed your flight," the attractive, dark-eyed El Al ticket agent said in her emphatic Israeli accent. She was addressing a disappointed American tourist who could scarcely believe that Israel's national airline, like all things Jewish, didn't leave at least a half hour later than scheduled.

The inability to reverse time is one of the few things that El Al has not tried to accomplish. Beginning in 1948, during the height of the War of Independence, Israel's civilian airline was a hastily adapted cargo plane which flew to Zurich to bring Israel's first president, Chaim Weizman to the new state. It has gone on to become one of the world's finest air fleets.

"People tend to over-estimate the number of planes El Al owns," said Baruch Saville, press relations officer for the line in Tel Aviv. "We seem omnipresent because people know we fly daily to North America, to most of the European capitals, to Addis Ababa, Nairobi and of course, Montreal."

"In reality," Saville continued, "we have only 12 planes, 10 Boeing 707's and 2 Boeing 747's, the jumbo jets."

The scheduling of this small fleet is a miracle of organization and maintenance. Unlike most airlines which can count on 365 flying days a year, El Al, being a Jewish airline can operate only 309 days a year because of Sabbath and High Holy Days restrictions.

El Al's maintenance procedures which keep the aircraft in top condition to meet the rigorous schedule is another of those remarkable Israeli improvements on techniques originally adapted from countries that had an earlier start.

Generally, El Al aircraft leave for abroad in the morning and return to base in the evening when repair hangar facilities are available. Skilled mechanics switch parts on a schedule which provides for replacement before wear or metal fatigue can occur. Israel's techniques have proved to be so innovative that other airlines are borrowing El Al's maintenance procedures.

Israeli airline pilots tend to be younger than those on American airlines. The commanders of U.S. airlines are frequently men in their 60s, while El Al pilots, largely recruited from the skilled fliers in Israel's airforce, tend to be in their middle 30s.

El Al's safety record is envied by the largest international carriers according to Jerome Lederer, one of the world's leading experts on flight safety. For 20 years a consultant to the Flight Safety Foundation and head of the Federal Aviation Agency in Washington, Lederer stated in a recent **Jerusalem Post** interview.

"I don't remember when an El Al plane had a fatal accident."

Lederer also praised the airline's security measures in preventing terrorism.

"This is due to three carefully implemented security measures," Lederer said, "thorough searching of all passengers and their luggage, effective isolation of both once the search is completed and the use of specially trained experts to do the searching."

However, the technical details of scheduling, maintenance and even security fail to describe the special quality of flying on a Jewish airline.

El Al passengers are a distinctive breed of travellers. Overwhelmingly Jewish, they seem to spend an inordinate amount of time wandering up and down the aisles, asking people their purpose in visiting Israel and queuing up in front of the washrooms. They show an absurd reluctance to return to their seats when the "seat belt" sign goes on and they make it almost impossible for the food service carts to be wheeled down the aisle. They ignore the partition between first-class and tourist with a zeal properly directed against an injustice.

On a recent flight from Montreal to Lod, Ann and Douglas Wilson, Toronto leaders of Baha'i, on a pilgrimage to the sect's international shrine in Haifa, watched with deep curiosity and respect as a prayer-shawled minyan bent in prayer as the plane flew into the sunrise. The Wilsons were part of an increasing number of non-Jews, largely Christians, who are flying to the Holy Land via El Al.

They were obviously delighted with Sara Meremin-sky, the tiny, bird-boned stewardess on the flight. Mrs. Wilson commented, "I never knew that a scrawny, toothy little girl could be so beautiful."

Green-eyed Sara is a veteran of Israel's air force, has been flying with El Al for three years and was a hostess on the flight which inaugurated El Al's service to Montreal.

The airline's staff in Canada, Jerome Kagan, Danny Pavel, Michael Thaler, and Uri Baron do more than represent their company. They are a part of the Jewish community and witnesses to a miracle.

Not only has a small country been able to maintain a first class airline but they have been able to do so without previous experience and while Israel was burdened with the huge task of providing food, lodging, work and medical care for hundreds of thousands of new immigrants.

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1. Whisky is Canada's favourite spirit.
True ☐ False ☐

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2. Canadians like it because it's made in Canada.
True ☐ False ☐

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3. There is no real difference in the taste of Canadian whiskies.
True ☐ False ☐

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4. Canadians drink their whisky with water.
True ☐ False ☐

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5. Canadian whisky is popular only in Canada.
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True ☐ False ☐

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Murray B. Koffler, president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, receives a scroll of appreciation from the institute's retiring president Albert Sabin, the pioneer of polio research. Koffler was thanked at the ceremony in Rehovot, Israel recently for making possible the construction of an 18 - storey tower.

James Kay and his mother Fanny walk up to receive their scrolls. The Kay family was honored for their contribution of funds for a cancer research wing and an endowed fellowship at the institute.

Elaine Kay is congratulated by Prof. Sabin during the recent ceremony at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot. Looking on from left to right are: Samuel Kay, Weizmann Institute Board Chairman Abraham Feinberg, James Kay and Fanny Kay.

Honor six Canadians at Weizmann institute ceremony

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

Half a dozen prominent Canadians were involved last week at ceremonies held at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

These ceremonies concluded the annual meeting of the Institute's board of governors, at which polio pioneer Dr. Albert Sabin, who recently underwent an open heart operation, was replaced as Institute president by Professor Israel Dostrovsky, well - known physical chemist and the first Israeli to take responsibility for the Rehovot Research Centre.

After the business sessions were over, the governors, scientists and several hundred guests watched scrolls of appreciation being handed out to a group of donors, many of them Canadians, at the Institute's 550-seat Wix Auditorium.

First to receive his scroll after it had been read in Hebrew and English was Murray B. Koffler, president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute and a key figure in the board's discussions. He was thanked for making possible the construction of a 18-storey tower which, when it is built next year, will house a giant new atom smasher – one of the most modern in the world. The Koffler Tower will be part of a Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics in Rehovot designed to serve all Israeli institutions of higher learning.

The next Canadian honored was Samuel Lunenfeld, a former Torontonian who now lives in Switzerland.

Lunenfeld and his son-in-law, Ruben Kunen, some years ago provided funds to build housing for overseas scientists visiting the Institute with their families. Now, as their scroll indicated, they will be financing a new residence hall for students.

Mrs. Ayala Zacks, who divides her time between Toronto and Tel Aviv, was honored for the establishment of the Samuel and Ayala Zacks Chair of Geophysics, donated by the Zacks Foundation. Its first incumbent, Prof. Ari Ben-Menahem, heads the Weizmann Institute's Bloch Geophysical Observatory near Eilat. He is studying, with the help of a battery of seismographs and computers, the causes and characteristics of earthquakes.

Another scroll marked the setting up of the Lady Davis Chair in Experimental Physics by the ELDEE Foundation of Canada. The men responsible for this Chair, now occupied by Prof. Gvirol Goldring (who will run the new "Canadian" atom smasher), are Bernard and Louis Bloomfield of Montreal. In the absence of the Bloomfields, the scroll was accepted on their behalf by Dr. Stephen Barber, executive director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Next Canadians to be honored were James and Elaine Kay of Toronto and Samuel and Fanny Kay of Winnipeg, their parents. The Kays and their business associates have provided funds for a cancer research wing and an endowed research fellowship also in the sphere of cancer at the Weizmann Institute.

Up until this meeting of the Weizmann Institute's board of governors, there were eight Canadians on the 120-member Board. Now there will be nine. The newly elected governor is I. C. Pollack of Quebec City.

Chad breaks ties

Relations with Black Africa are reviewed

By DAVID LANDAU
JTA Mid East Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Chad has broken its diplomatic ties with Israel after a decade of cordiality and co-operation. The move came seven months after President Idi Amin of Uganda cut his country's diplomatic relations with Israel and drove out the hundreds of Israeli experts, advisors and building contractors working in Uganda.

Thus the question inevitably in many people's minds in Israel is: does this represent the beginning of a domino-like collapse of the delicate framework of relations with more than 30 Black African states which Israel has painstakingly built up during the "independence decade?"

One seasoned observer of African affairs to whom I spoke in Jerusalem believes that this is not the case. The peculiar combination of circumstances in which President Francois Tombalbaye of Chad found himself – harassed by Libyan pressure and yet seduced by President Muammar el - Qaddafi's blandishments, and at the same time deep in economic and military straights with Chad's traditional patrons, the French having forsaken him – is not likely to repeat itself elsewhere.

Also, there is an unmistakable feeling in Africa that Qaddafi spells danger, that he aims for a sinister kind of Moslem hegemony even in areas south of the Sahara. Qaddafi overplayed his hand when he went to the aid of Amin against Tanzania with armed troops and left many African leaders with an uncomfortable wariness of his aspirations and intentions.

Arab efforts to dislodge Israel from Africa are not of course a new phenomenon. They began as soon as Israel herself started to court the African states in embryo in the late 1950's. But the Arabs were almost completely unsuccessful in preventing Israel from forging ties with Black Africa, and links were formed with every new state except the Moslem Somalia and Mauritania – where there was never really much hope.

In 1967, President Sekou Toure of Guinea cut his ties with Israel along with the Communist bloc, and in 1972, we have had Uganda and now Chad – but other than that, Israel's position in Africa is intact and even flourishing so long as United Nations votes are not the yardstick.

Maybe it's wishful thinking – but Israel is reasoning and hoping that the seeds of mistrust and resentment, which are already noticeable, have already been detected among Black African leaders towards Qaddafi; his motives and his methods, will lead to a wariness of his blandishments and a resistance to his pressures on other vulnerable states.

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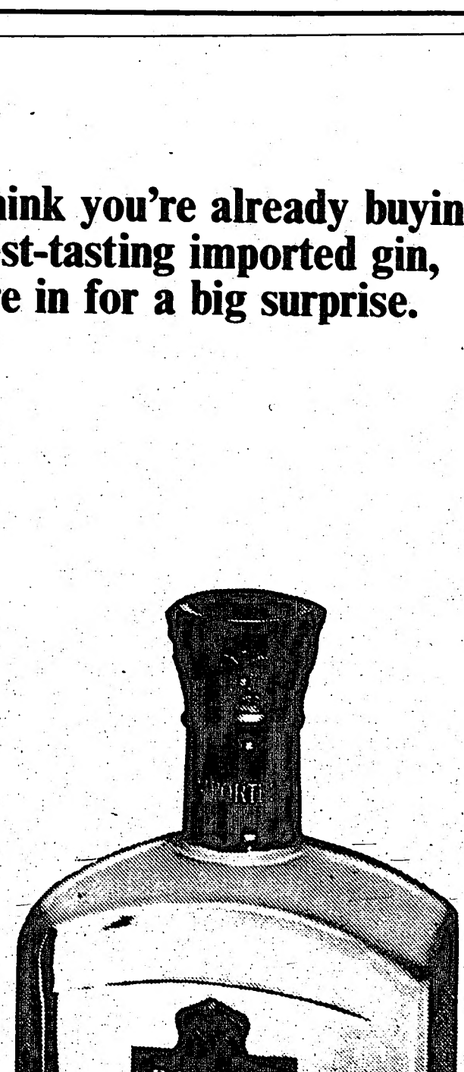

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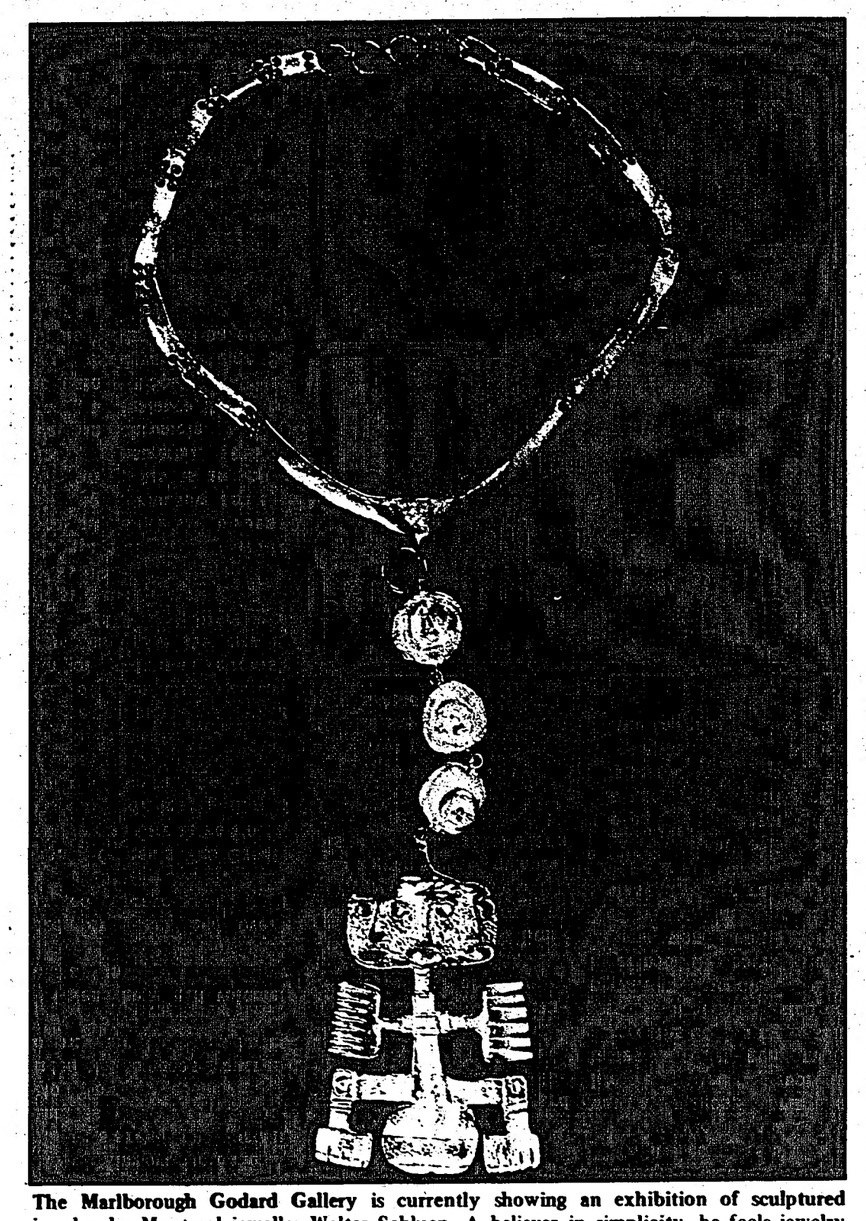

The Marlborough Godard Gallery is currently showing an exhibition of sculptured jewelry by Montreal jeweller Walter Schluep. A believer in simplicity, he feels jewelry should mirror our times as much as the arts. This work is Man From Planet A, a gold 18 karat necklace. The exhibition of Schluep's work ends Sunday, Dec. 31.

Revival of Hey, Rube! captures hype, hokum and dazzle of circus

theatre review

By FRANK MICHAEL

The clown has figured prominently in both circus and theatre since the early days of the Roman Empire. Historically, his cunning, irreverent, and frequently crude antics have captivated the legitimate stage in precisely those periods during which drama has derived its theatricality and sense of spectacle from the circus itself.

Modern times have witnessed, along with the demise of the travelling circus, a serious atrophy in the stage - representation of the clown. The cautious commercialism of both Big Top and Broadway has rendered this veteran of vulgarity and iconoclasm quite harmless, a precious curiosity whose simple presence is now designed to evoke easy sentiment or cheap nostalgia.

Hey, Rube!, currently playing Toronto Workshop Productions' rental arena on Alexander St., restores confidence in clown, circus, and theatre alike.

Developed through improvisational technique in 1961 by George Luscombe's original TWP company, **Hey, Rube!** reaches back into history and myth to reconstruct what must have been the end of the line for Wagnerian's Continuous Circus, a small, bankrupt outfit stranded on a swampy lot in a one-horse town on a third-rate circuit.

Beset by creditors and harassed by the local authorities, the circus community perseveres in putting together a show, only to have it culminate in an ugly, seemingly inevitable clash with the "rubes," or townies.

Spilling over the slender narrative development and filling the raised, one-ring set is a delightful succession of circus routines and comic business, a tour de force of total theatre at once pure circus and pure mime. Luscombe's clowns capture all the hype, hokum and dazzle at the heart of circus and circus mythology; simultaneously they recreate a method of playing and a brand of non-literary performance rooted in the Commedia dell' arte of the Italian Renaissance.

Although the vague populism of **Hey, Rube!**'s sketchy political parable pales by comparison with the elaborate comic business, it does, combined with the anecdotes, tiffs and tawdry gossip of the cook-tent, lend the whole piece a remarkably evocative historical underpinning. In a mythic sense, the demise of Wagnerian's, like the demise of the small town, the family business, and the simple solution, marked the end of an aura.

Hey, Rube! is one of the very few successful improvisational pieces extant in theatre today. Now in its second revival by TWP, its longevity and continued success are due largely to George Luscombe's firm directorial influence. From the present TWP company, mainly composed of new members, he exacts a tough, unsentimental playing style in good ensemble. Krysia Jarmicka-Read and Barry Wasman render exceptionally good performances. Music, lighting, and sound effects are complex, well-synchronized, and effective.

Appropriately, TWP plans a summer road tour for this unique production **Hey Rube**. . . .

Holiday season volumes not all tinsel and fluff

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The season of the gift book is upon us. The presses are working overtime and the volumes are gushing forth in endless profusion. A bookstore owner recently confided that he does a quarter of his year's business during the month of December.

Often these gift volumes are all tinsel and fluff: poorly written, outrageously padded, oversized and overpriced. However, only one of the books under review, Harry Golden's **The Greatest Jewish City in the World**, may be adjudged guilty of some of the sins indicated.

The text of Golden's essay ranges from boyhood reminiscences on the lower East Side of Manhattan, to an outline of the distinctive Jewish contribution to the city in the fields of art, literature, music and theatre. As always, the moonfaced cigar-chomping observer of the life and foibles of his fellow Jews is bright, amusing and informative; his is an anecdotal, insightful, heart-warming chronicle. Did you know, for instance, that there is a store in Spanish Harlem that displays the sign Se Habla Yiddish, and that every year the "Loyal League of Yiddish Sons of Erin marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade?"

But the glossy pages contain too much white space, unnecessary photographs of New York's skyline and a superfluous, partial listing of Jewish organizations and institutions within the city. Purchasers should note that the material, in somewhat shorter form, first appeared in **The London Jewish Chronicle**.

Israel's most eloquent spokesman has added another title to the vast, ever-growing library about Israel's birth and her quarter-century of growth and achievement. Eban, of course, is admirably suited to tell the thrilling story of Zion redeemed and restored. He does it in a magisterial and sweeping manner, the Churchillian echoes ringing down the stirring fact - filled chapters. But very little comes through that is new or revealing. Eban indicates that his aim was to answer the familiar question: "If a reader were limited to one book about Israel's story since May 1948, what would I like him to know? Not only to know, but to feel." Bar Mitzvah boys who receive this beautifully - illustrated volume may find it rather tough going.

In the early years of the present century, Edward Curtis photographed the Indian peoples of Western North America. His 20-volume legacy constitutes an indelible record of a way of life that time has swept away. They were issued in a limited edition and are now virtually unobtainable. Curtis was a genius of the camera. His photographs taken over a 25 year period have the power to stir the sensitive viewer to the same degree as a great painting. To study the 120 superb photographs in this album is to become involved in visual anthropology, to share in the creative thoughts and feelings of a great artist and ethnographer.

This splendid study contains a brief tribute to Curtis, helpful introductions to the eight sections of the diverse Indians photographed (including Eskimos), source references and a brief bibliography.

Afficionados of the bizarre and inimitable art and humor of Edward Gorey will revel in this cornucopia of 15 early works that are long out of print and difficult to obtain.

Gorey, a master of black and white, conjures up long-forgotten Victorian and Edwardian images; he brings to life elongated languorous ladies and effete gentlemen; he creates dragon figures of terror out of a well-stocked private demonology. One brief book is a horror story without words entitled **The West Wing**. Another is a fantasy in color called **The Bug Book**.

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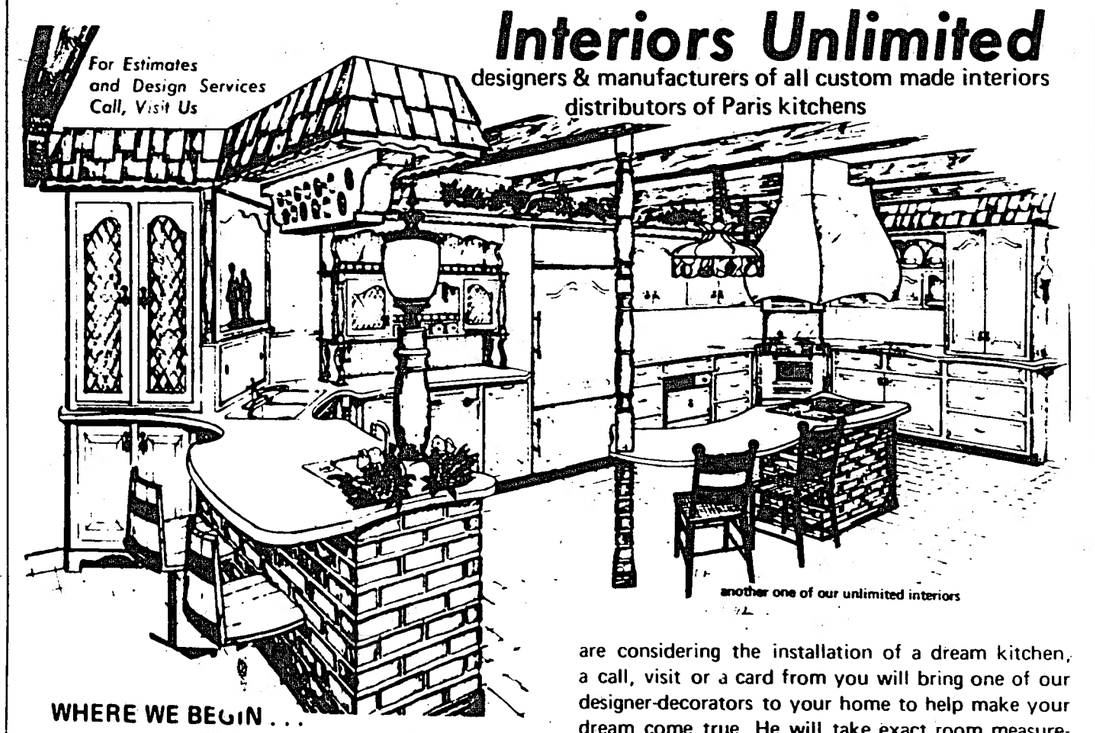

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Gideon Raphael, director general of Israel's foreign ministry, (right) presents Max Schecter with the Israel 25th anniversary Award at a dinner at Beth Sholom Synagogue. (Gadi Hoz)

Bonds honors Max Schecter for distinguished service record

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO –

Speaking last week at Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, Gideon Raphael, director general of Israel's foreign ministry, blamed the Arab governments for refusing to yield to the new trend toward world peace which has so far succeeded in cooling off such trouble spots as Germany and Korea.

"There is no miracle cure to the Middle East conflict. There is only one standard practice: deadlock can only be broken by dialogue."

The occasion was a State of Israel Bonds drive dinner sponsored by B'nai B'rith's Upper Canada Lodge in honor of Max Shecter whose service to Toronto's Jewish community and to Israel was acknowledged by his receipt of the Israel 25th Anniversary Award.

Raphael, a seasoned diplomat, was a member of the Jewish Agency delegation to the United Nations in 1947 at which time Israel's claims for independence were presented to the world community. He has served as ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and was Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Identifying the significant achievements Israel has made this year, Raphael pointed to the continuing economic progress of the country and the immigration of 40,000 Russian Jews to Israel which he described as "an expression of the indomitable spirit of the Jewish people."

"The departure of Russian advisors from Egypt and the flow of Russian Jews to Israel was a good exchange," said Raphael.

Admitting that the absorption of so many immigrants places the Israeli economy under a heavy burden, he asked world Jewry to share in the responsibility.

"Without your own material sacrifices we wouldn't have achieved what we did and we will not be able to carry on if you are not with us now."

Raphael, who was in Toronto for only five hours, made the presentation of the Israel 25th Anniversary Award to Max Shecter on behalf of the Israeli government and praised him as the Toronto Jewish community's man of the year.

Guests at the gala affair responded to Raphael's plea by purchasing over $12,000 in bonds.

Musically speaking

The best and the worst for an unmemorable year

By RICK KARDONNE

1972 was not a memorable year as far as popular music goes. There was very little of the excitement of the late sixties. Most of the top hits were sanitized, forgettable formula records, influenced by Christian hymn progressions, Nashville, or tried - and - true TV pap (such as the Osmonds and David Cassidy). Although there was a slight improvement towards the end of 1972 in quality, it still meant very little compared to the best of four years ago.

So, in making out my list of the Best and Worst of 1972, I must choose a few names that are relatively little known, but are really outstanding, rather than sway along with the fads.

Best Singles: **Exodus** by the Originals; **Use Me** by Bill Withers and **Popcorn** by Hot Butter. I would also mention **Backstabbers** by the O'Jays and **I Don't Wanna be Right** by Luther Ingram.

Best Albums: **Paul Simon** by Paul Simon, and **Zodiac** by Cannonball Adderley. Compared to the best of the past, these two albums are rather pale, but compared to the rest of 1972, they had just a wee bit of originality.

Best Male Vocalist: Bill Withers, by a large margin.

Best Female Vocalists: Salome Bey (who starred in the ill-fated Broadway show **Dude**); Elly Stone, Genya Ravan and Bette Midler. These four girls all have a rich kvetchy quality which is a refreshing change from the childlike ethereal (and after a while, terribly monotonous) purity of Joni Mitchell, Roberta Flack, Judee Sill, and countless others.

Best Group: War.

Comeback of the Year: Stan Getz, who has left **Desifinado** behind to form a new avant-garde jazz group which is one of the most skilful ensembles on the scene today.

Best Canadian Group: The Funkadelics.

Best Canadian Vocalist: Robert Charlebois, who remains one of the few original artists in North America.

Best Non - Rock Album: The 1972 Israel Oriental Song Festival, by far the best melodies heard anywhere this year.

Best Movie: **Cabaret**. Not only should Liza Minelli get the Oscar for her performance here; this film is one of the most gripping accounts of the rise of the Nazi movement in pre-war Germany, because of its subtlety in handling the matter. A mention should also be given to **Sounder** and **The Sorrow and The Pity**.

Worst Movies: **Portnoy's Complaint** (for its obscene self-hatred) **Prime Cut** (for its obscene and senseless violence) and **Dirty Harry** (a genuinely fascist film starring Clint Eastwood).

Liza Minelli

Worst Single: **Horse with No Name** (by America), with strong competition from **Sylvia's Mother** by Dr. Hook.

Best Events of the Year: The 1972 Newport Jazz Festivals in New York (both the original show and the Miles Davis-Archie Shepp counter show) and the 1972 Mariposa Festival here in Toronto.

Worst Event of the Year: The Dallas Jesus Explosion of last June, not only because of the obvious implications of any mass Christian revival, but also because of the crass commercialism of the event.

Next "Happening" Area? Spadina Avenue between College and Queen, home of an increasingly good jazz and hard blues-rock scene.

Pop Trends to Look Forward to in Early 1973: Gay Lib-Transvestite Rock (exemplified by David Bowie and Alice Cooper); a continued blandness on the Top 40 mainstream, but at the same time the growth of a small but highly creative jazz-eclectic scene centered in a few large cities; the continued growth of a search for Jewish musical roots among Jewish musicians.

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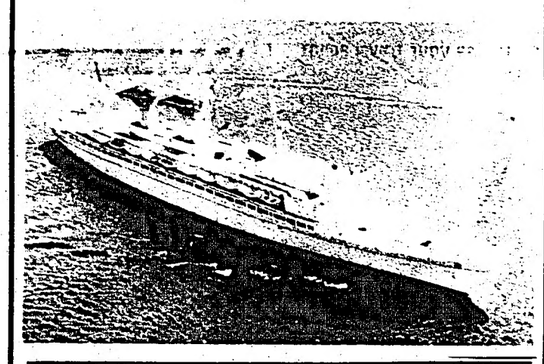

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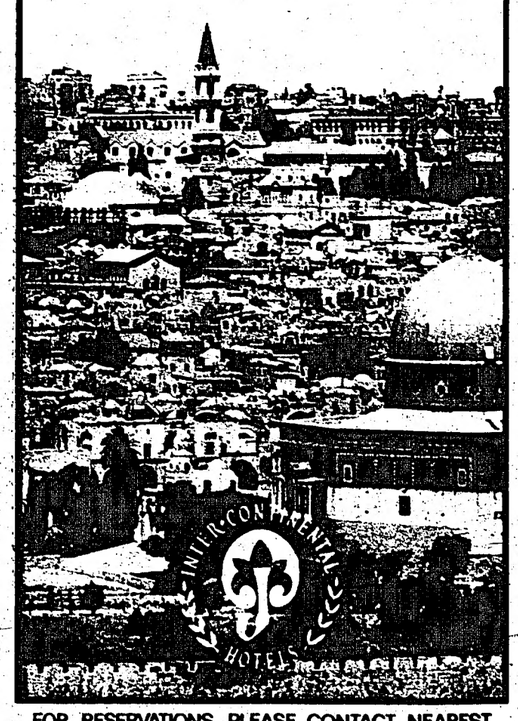

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Chanukah pageant thrills group

TORONTO –

A Chanukah pageant in a Haifa absorption centre for immigrants from Russia was "one of the most thrilling sights I have ever seen," declared Al Green, 1973 UJA-ISF campaign chairman, who has just returned from Israel.

Green headed a study mission to Israel of members of the Toronto Jewish community. The mission was invited by the government of Israel and spent seven days there gathering information on the latest developments in the country. Members of the mission included Gerry Morton, Jack Chisvin, Lionel Robins, Jack Gwartz, Gerry Friedman, Don Rafelman, Gerry Shear, Jack Rose and David Marks.

Green said that at the Chanukah celebration "we saw people who had never before attended a Chanukah service. None of the immigrants had been in Israel more than two months."

The immigrants presented a series of Chanukah skits in Hebrew which they wrote and directed themselves and, said the campaign chairman, "you just can't imagine the sheer joy and happiness of the participants. It was a very emotional evening for all of us."

The mission met with Prime Minister Golda Meir who said there is talk in Russia again about developing Birobidjan as a Jewish state within the Soviet Union. She said this should be resisted as the idea was a failure in the past and Russian Jews do not regard it as an alternative to Israel.

Green said Mrs. Meir regards peace prospects in the future as very doubtful. She said radical elements in Arab countries are preventing the Arab governments from making any agreement with Israel.

Green said the mission was taken on a tour of the Golan Heights and he was impressed that a large area there is now planted with wheat. This land had never before been cultivated.

Prior to joining the mission in Israel, the UJA chairman attended a conference of Keren Hayesod campaign leaders from all over the Western world in London. A report delivered at the meeting on financial support for Israel showed that Canadian Jews contribute on an average of $70 per capita. Highest per capita gifts come from the French part of Switzerland where the average is $330. The United Kingdom average is $80.

"These figures," said Green, "clearly indicate that Canadian Jews cannot pat themselves on the back. We must contribute substantially more to aid Israel."

U.S. Jewry seeks identity

HOLLYWOOD, Fla (JTA) –

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, told its National Executive Council's annual dinner honoring Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin that it was "crystal clear" that the Israelis are "no further along than we are in their search for the true definition of Jewish identity." In fact, he said, "they are perhaps more handicapped than we are by virtue of the severe contradictions that exist on this issue within this tiny land."

Hoffman made these remarks in the context of an appeal for a balanced relationship between American Jewry and Israel. "In the great and growing partnership being deepened every day between Israel and American Jewry," he said, "there can be neither a major nor a minor partner. Israel will need the fresh viewpoints, the varying attitudes and experiences and the new knowledge that will stem to it from the Diaspora. It will be to the best advantage of Judaism and of Israel that its efforts to keep the Diaspora strong be as great as those of the Diaspora to keep Israel strong."

"Both sides must have the patience to listen to one another, the courage to criticize one another and the willingness to listen to such criticisms with an open mind," Hoffman stressed. Many influential Israelis, he said, are "genuinely anxious to create an apparatus that would make possible a healthy give - and - take between Israel and the Diaspora."

World Jewish communities, he said, "must be seen as indispensable parts of the whole," because "if one should declare itself dominant and another subservient, all parts will suffer."

Calling American Jewry's support of Israel "natural," Hoffman said Israel was "the treasure house wherein is lodged the most valued symbols of our faith, our most hallowed traditions, our basic history, our very origins." He declared: "Israel is the very keystone of the arch which supports Judaism the world over."

Special CBC program on Xmas theme

TORONTO –

The CBC will have a special Christmas present for its Canadian audience on December 25 at 10:00 a.m. when it airs **In Search of Christmas** in the **Man Alive** slot.

The program directed by John McGreevy, who has done much of CBC's inspired religious programming, seeks to separate fact from myth in the Christmas story. It asks questions such as "On the day Christ was born, what really happened? Was there a star? Did three wisemen follow it to Bethlehem? Did an angel appear to the shepherds? Was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Did Mary remain a Virgin?"

The program would be of scant interest to the Jewish audience which has limited interest in these questions, except for the presence of author Elie Wiesel, as one of the commentators.

In fact, Wiesel does not really fit into the context of the program. His comments have little to do with the historical nature of Jesus. Instead, he limits himself to comments regarding the Jewish view of the Messiah, sharing with the audience his rich background in rabbinic literature.

Wiesel comments "One very famous rabbi said that every Jew – meaning every man – should think that either he is the Messiah or that he can bring the Messiah. The beauty in our tradition is that the Messiah cannot come when he wants to come, not even when God wants him to come; only man can bring the Messiah and therefore you put such a weight and such a responsibility on his shoulders. But what would man be if not for these responsibilities which transcend him."

The others involved in the program, Christian theologians, Bible scholars, scientists and the irrepressible Malcolm Muggeridge are reasonably unanimous in their view that the historical accuracy of the Christmas story is much less important than its effect on the Western world. The film engages in the classic stereotypes portraying the Jews of Jesus day as Bedouins.

In spite of these shortcomings, the film is a fascinating one for all Canadians and Wiesel's presence is a special bonus for Jews and Christians alike.

Jewish symphony, choral group provides varied musical menu

OTTAWA –

Despite inclement weather conditions, the Chanukah concert of the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre Symphony Orchestra and Choral Group, drew a near capacity audience. Armand Weisbord conducted the orchestra, while David Galbraith directed the choral group.

The program included Israeli and Jewish traditional song and works by Schubert, Schumann, Vivaldi, and Strauss. A flute solo by Carol Muma and a trumpet solo by Guy Fortier were featured.

Cantor David Nemtzov's rendition of **Havdalah** was one of the highlights of the evening. This young tenor surprised the audience with his ability to capture the feeling of this most tender piece of music, written by Zavel Zilberts during the thirties.

Conductor Weisbord, as active on his podium as a fencing instructor, received an enthusiastic ovation after the orchestra's performance of **Polka, Thunder and Lightning.** The crescendos of that number were handled with superb accuracy and acuteness.

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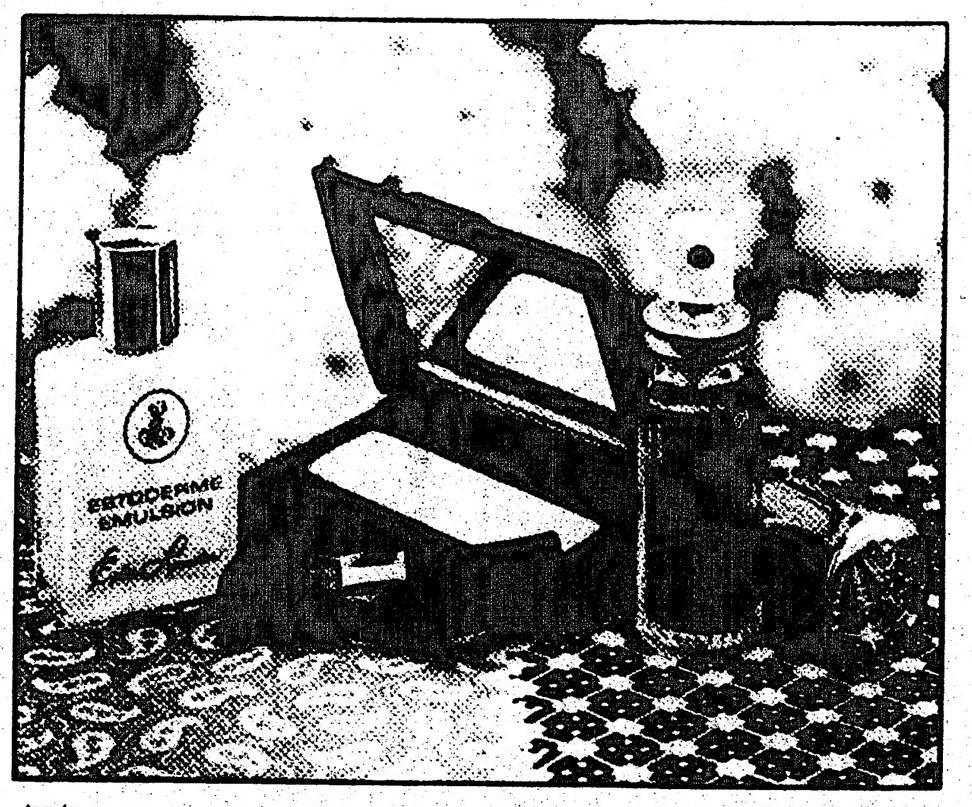

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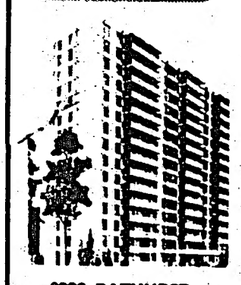

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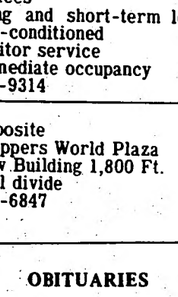

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By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO - If the success of a singles club can be measured in terms of the number of marriages it produces, then the one at the YM-YWHA is a definite triumph. In the two short years of its existence there have been more than a dozen weddings among the members.

However, the Y Singles Club, soon to be renamed the Toronto Singles Club, was really organized as a community service to meet the social needs of people who are alone.

It differs from most other singles clubs in that it is not self-selective - it is open to all single people (single, separated, divorced or widowed) from the ages of 25 to 55. Membership in the Y is not a prerequisite. All that is required is a small fee for club membership.

What began as an initial group of 75 persons has grown to a mailing list of more than a thousand. At least 200 members attend the bi-monthly meetings held at Y's northern branch on Bathurst St.

The programs alternate between the purely social - dances, Monte Carlo's movies - and the cultural and educational. The cultural programs have led to small-group book reviews at private homes and discussion groups geared to the single parent. And for the more athletically inclined, the bowling league meets every week.

The organization is self-propelled with elections every year. It is led this year by president Norman Burns with an assist in programming from Y staffer Paul Caplan.

Right now the club members are zeroing in on the sale of tickets for a showing of Man of La Mancha on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The funds are being raised for a Y camp scholarship.

Jews and Arabs held as spies for Syria

TEL AVIV – An extensive spy ring which used both Jewish and Arab agents, and was financed by Syria, has been smashed by Israeli secret agents. At least four "Maoist" Jews were involved and chief suspect is Ehud Adiv, 26, of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel. He is a former paratrooper. The ring operated from a Haifa bookshop operated by an Arab communist.

Russia supplies batteries

JERUSALEM – A large number of surface-to-air missile batteries have been sent to Egypt from Russia and are being deployed around strategic areas, including the Aswan Dam, the Hilwan industrial zone and Cairo.

Israel ignores resolution

UNITED NATIONS – By a vote of 86 to 31, with Canada and the United States among the 31 abstentions, the General Assembly approved a resolution calling upon Israel to declare publicly its adherence to the principle of non-annexation of territories through the use of force. Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah called it a "spurious document," and Israel would so regard it.

Nixon to Middle East?

LONDON – President Nixon will visit Cairo and Jerusalem in 1973, according to Dr. Clovis Maksoud, an envoy of the Arab League, who said he got this information in Washington.

War crimes punished

BONN – Five former Gestapo members received prison sentences ranging from two to five and a half years for complicity in the murder of 5,000 Polish Jews in 1942. Six former SS members are on trial before a Hamburg court charged with aiding and abetting the murder of 50,000 Jews in Poland between 1942 and 1944.

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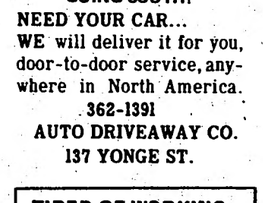

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Catholic ex-teacher recalls grim days of Nazi persecution in Belgium

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON –

"Ladies, I don't know if you know it, but you are doing God's work."

These words, the only ones spoken by the Leningrad woman elected spokesman for her group minutes after they had arrived in Israel, were quoted in a moving plea on behalf of Youth Aliyah at a recent meeting sponsored by Hadassah - Wizo Organization of Hamilton.

The speaker was Jeanne Daman-Scaglione, a Catholic ex-teacher from Belgium, now living in North Carolina.

"And that," Mrs. Scaglione continued, addressing her audience directly, "is exactly what you are doing: God's work."

Despite a severe storm, many Hamiltonians turned out to hear this remarkable woman, who had recently been presented with the Medal of the Righteous People on behalf of Yad Vashem and has a tree planted in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, commemorating her heroism in rescuing some 2,000 Jewish children during World War II.

Mrs. Scaglione recalled the grim days of Nazi persecution and told of how she, a young Catholic teacher barely out of teachers' college in 1942, came to be instrumental in saving the lives of several thousand Jewish children and adults.

As the only non-Jew trusted by them, she had been asked by the Jews of the Brussels ghetto to help run their school. It was when she was forced to watch the first small group of children, all of them between three and six years old, being herded into trucks by the Gestapo, that she told herself: "If I let this happen, then I am an accomplice."

Calling herself an advocate of those who cannot speak for themselves, she told her story as a reminder that the work of rescuing Jews - from the Soviet Union, from Middle East countries, wherever there are Jews oppressed - must still continue.

"I am interested in Jewish survival not only as a fighter but for another reason as well," she said. "I happen to believe that Judaism has been the greatest civilizing force in the history of mankind."

Now a member of the United Jewish Appeal's speakers bureau, Mrs. Scaglione came to the United States soon after the war and travelled the continent, including Canada, from coast to coast speaking on behalf of Youth Aliyah. She gave up all but a few engagements when she moved to California but since returning to the East with her husband, Aldo Scaglione, a professor of European literature at the University of North Carolina, she has resumed her work.

Her speech in Hamilton was her first in Canada in 20 years and will be followed by another in Montreal.

'Y' expands program services

TORONTO –

The Toronto YMHA is planning to expand its program extension services after the success of its initial venture in northwest Forest Hill.

The 'Y' administration says it has long recognized the difficulty many children have in utilizing its facilities during the school week.

Earlier this year, the 'Y' was approached by the West Prep Home and School Association to co-operate with them in developing and supervising an after-school program one day per week for children in grades 3 and 4. That program, a combined project of the 'Y' and the Home and School Association, with financial assistance from the Toronto Board of Education, began in February with 45 children.

The program has now been expanded to two afternoons each week and from grades one to six. The parents and 'Y' staff are now planning to develop a monthly evening program for Junior High students and long range plans call for the 'Y' to develop a swim program in the area.

Marty Park, assistant executive director of the 'Y', believes there are at least two pockets of Jewish residence where the establishment of program services would be most beneficial to the community - Western Downsview along Keele St., and the area bounded by Bayview, Steeles, Sheppard and Woodbine.

Among events being planned are a folk dancing program, Israeli films, a stamp exhibition, a giant birthday party for children, "I am Curious Jewish" seminars for teens, a bazaar planned by 'Y' senior citizens with proceeds donated to the Israeli Relief Fund and Israeli music programs.

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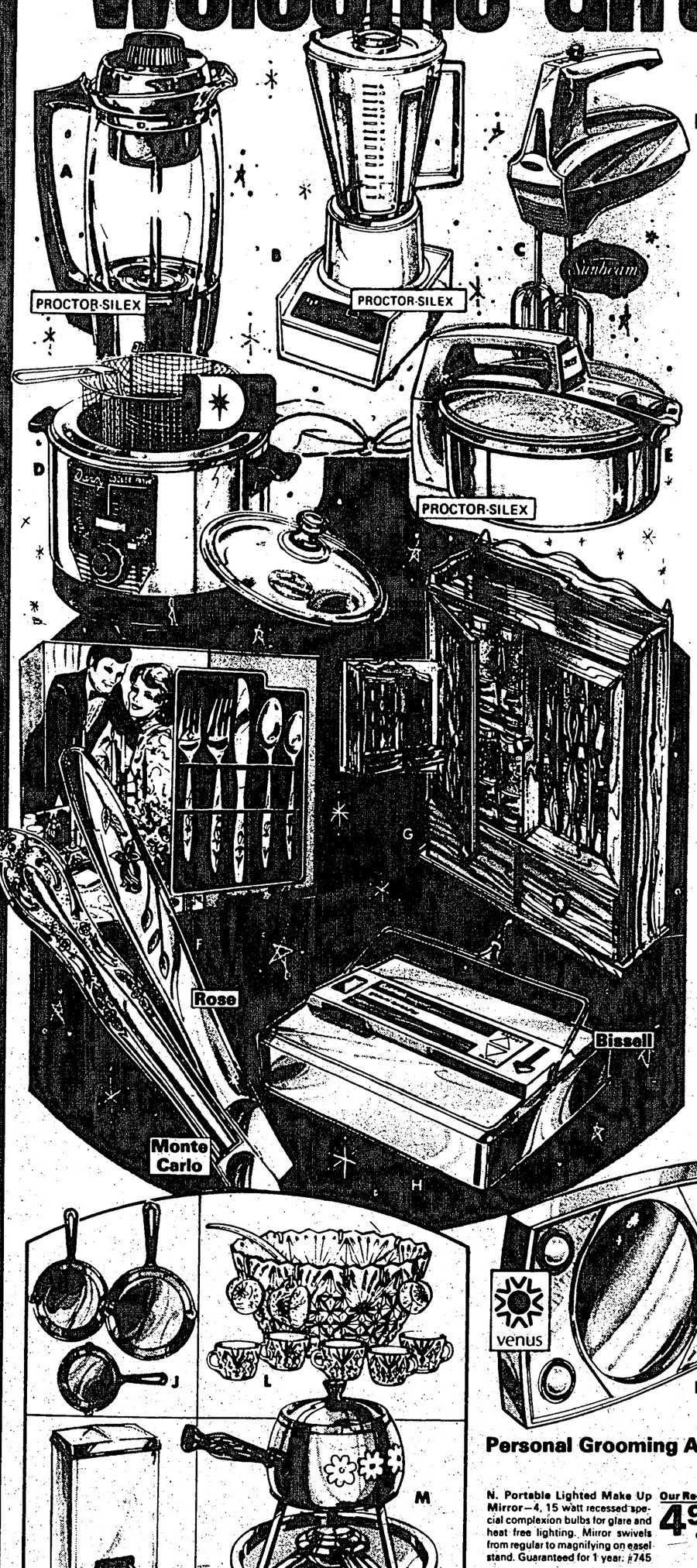

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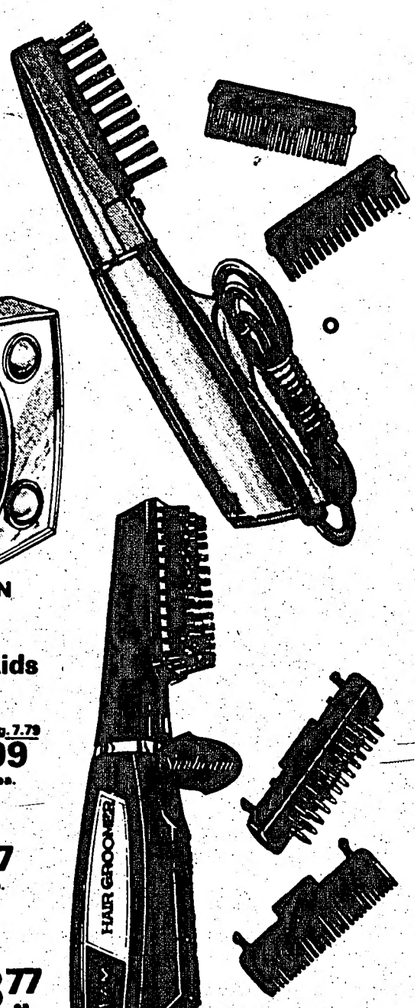

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